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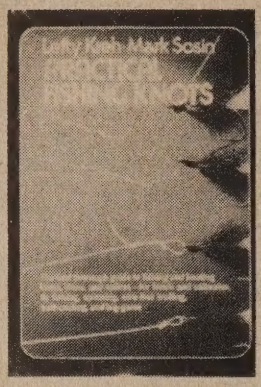

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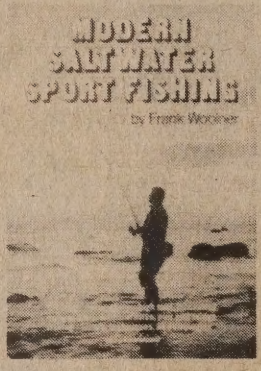

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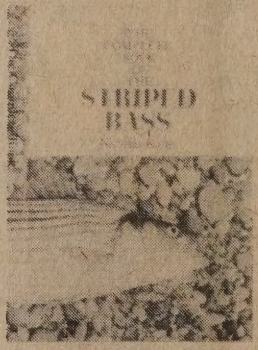

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Father and son team with a catch that could easily be rated "catch of the year" by anyone's standards. Anton Kani, left, with the 18 pound 11 ounce doormat fluke he caught and son, Richie Kani, right, with the 52 pound striped bass he bagged. Both fish were weighed in at the Cove Marina, Montauk.

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The Peconic Bay Power Squadron will be conducting public education classes dealing with boating skills and safety. These classes will commence on Tuesday evening September 15th at West Hampton Beach Jr. High School at 7:30 P.M. The course will be 2 hours and run for 10 weeks. Anyone interested in further information may call 369-2446 between 9-5 P.M.

Contests & Tournaments

1976 AQUASPORT OWNERS STRIPED BASS & BLUEFISH TOURNY

All Aquasport owners are cordially invited to the Fifth Annual Owner's Bass and Bluefish Tournament to be held on Saturday September 25th from 6 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Previous year's contests have been a great success with many fine fish caught. Contestants may fish within the confines of Great South Bay, Long Island Sound, Peconic Bay or ocean areas. Appropriate prizes will be furnished by Aquasport Inc., and Strong's Marine Centers for the two largest fish and the greatest number of each species caught, and will be awarded at Surfside 3, South Wellwood Avenue in Lindenhurst at 5 P.M. following finish of the tournament. Refreshments will be served.

Contest fishing is limited to trolling or plugging (no chumming). Tournament headquarters are Strong's Marine Centers in Copiague and Mattituck. Dock space and launching facilities will be provided when needed and motels and restaurants are located nearby.

For entry blank, stop in at Strong's Marine Center, either in Copiague or Mattituck.

OFFICIAL BAY SHORE MAKO PRIZE WINNERS 1976

Club Trophies—First Place to the Oakdale Sportsman Club for 2046 points; Second Place to the Bay Shore Tuna Club for 1048 points and Third Place to the Babylon Tuna Club for 991 points.

Individual winners: Mako Division First Place to Larry Christie for 286 points; Second Place to Skip Holwell for 269 points; Third Place to Frank Hauber for 263 pounts and also for Third Place Tom Segar Jr. for 263 pounts.

Boat Awards—Saturday "Angel Jean" captain by Joseph Carione for 784 pounts; Sunday "Unexpected" captained by Larry Oehler for 712 pounts and Combined 2 days to "Angel Jean" with 1186 pounts.

Captain Awards—Captain Larry Christie Sr., Capt. Jos. Zanghi, Capt. Frank Hauber, Capt. Tom Segar Jr., Capt. Fred Kamerer, Capt. Howard Siegel, and Capt. Herman Kornahrens

Any other awards to be made, will be decided upon by the Committee. The above awards will be presented at the Bay Shore Mako Awards Dinner to be held at Capt. Bill's Anchorage, Bayview Avenue, Bay Shore, New York at 8:00 P.M. on Friday night, September 17th 1976. Each winner may bring a guest. For further information please call Archie Rhodes at 665-0037 or 665-5341.

AUGUST CONTEST WINNERS OF STATE PARK FISHING CONTEST

From the Surf and Bank—1st to Tom Pierzega of Massapequa for a striped bass of 39 pounds 5 ounces taken at Tobay Beach; 2nd to Bill Orsini of Loudnoville for a weakfish of 11 pounds 14 ounces taken at Oak Beach; and 3rd to Justin Kershad of Rosedale for a fluke of 10 pounds 13 ounces taken at Oak Beach.

From the Pier—1st to Thomas O'Connor Sr., of No. Babylon for a blackfish of 7 pounds 14 ounces taken at Robert Moses; 2nd to Victor Sapronow of Uniondale for a weakfish of 7 pounds 12 ounces taken at Robert Moses and 3rd to Tom O'Connor Jr. of No. Babylon for a blackfish of 7 pounds 5 ounces.

From the Boat—1st to Frank Bindewald of No. Bergen N.J. for a fluke of 20 pounds 2 ounces taken on boat captained by Capt. Stan Joseph; 2nd to John Bazata of Bayshore for a fluke of 17 pounds 2 ounces taken on boat captained by Capt. Rohl and 3rd to Nicholas Rutisliano of Central Islip for a bluefish of 13 pounds 14 ounces taken on boat captained by Capt. Hubert.

CHUM LINES

PRAISES OF MONTAUK

In the past I have read several well deserved letters addressed to The Fisherman about a number of party and charter boat captains, the fine services and little extras that they demonstrated to their satisfied patrons. This letter addresses itself in the same vain, specifically to Captain Paul Sundberg of the charterboat "Montauk".

My group and I have fished with Paul over the last four years for cod, fluke, blues, stripers, giant tuna and sharks with considerable success. Aside from

success being a barometer of satisfaction we found the captain a concerned, knowledgeable and reasonable individual often going beyond basics to please.

We feel that Paul deserves this commendation and hope that your publication can spare this letter a little space in its column as a means of our expression. His mate Mike is also a fine man and is a sure eye with the harpoon. **Guy Decatrel, Brooklyn.**

THANKS! THANKS!

On Saturday, August 21st at approximately 1000 hours our 33 foot cruiser was heading out to Fire Island Inlet to go fishing when the boat suddenly took on water. The boat immediately took on so much water that it was impossible to get on our life jackets. Even before we could call for help the Coast Guard personnel and many other craft and party boats including both private and party immediately came to our aid. The boat sank beneath like it had no bottom in it. These people took off all nine of us while the boat was sinking beneath us.

I and my family wish to thank one and all for the swife assistance that they rendered to us as without it one or more of us surely would not be here today. Our sincere thanks to one and all. **John W. Savarese and family.**

Pass It On...

N.Y. STATE RECORDS

Fishermen have been having excellent luck in New York State this season, according to a report today by Commissioner of Environmental Conservation Peter A.A. Berle. He announced that six new State records have been established already this year—four in freshwater and two in saltwater. The fish were entered in the Department's Record Fish Program.

"New York's Record Fish Program is not a contest," Commissioner Berle explained. "Rather it offers a lucky angler some recognition for his achievement while still keeping the emphasis on recreation as the primary goal of sports fishing. Every fisherman, young or old, dreams of that day when he or she will catch a record-breaker. But, realization of that dream is a rarity. What keeps every fishermen fishing is just the fun of the sport.

"I am sure that all of our new record holders take delight in their success but haven't quit fishing because they established a record. Instead, their success may encourage all of us on those slow days that afflict even the best anglers sometimes," he said.

The new State records are as follows: Scup (:Porgy) 4 pounds 8 ounces taken June 14th on a mussel bait in Long Island Sound by Rodney Gruler of Northport; Weakfish 14 pounds 12 ounces taken May 15th on a bucktail lure in Great Peconic Bay by John A. Bogdan of Aquebogue; Carp 35 pounds 4 ounces taken May 18th on corn bait in Keuka Lake by Joseph Dewey of Webster; Crappie of 3 pounds taken May 7th on a Rapala lure in Greenwood Lake by James Flanagan of Greenwood Lake; Splake of 9 pounds 6 ounces taken April 22nd on a Rapala lure in Lake Eaton by William Reynolds of Castorland; and white bass of 2 pounds taken May 30th on a Sonar lure in Oneida Lake by Robert Cote, Jr., of Bridgeport.

New York's Record Fish Program is open to all sports anglers fishing New York waters. There are categories for 27 freshwater and 28 saltwater fish, as well as eight categories for youghful anglers, 10 years of age and under. There is no engry fee for the program. The only requirement is completing an official entry form, available at all regional offices of the Department as well as from many license issuing agents.

NEW DEC NEWSLETTER

The Department of Environmental Conservation has launced a new publication—Environmental Bulletin to provide greater opportunity for public participa tion in matters of environmental importance, Commissioner Peter A.A. Berle announced recently.

"Public participation is an important part of many of the Department's activities," Commissioner Berle said. "I am confident that the Environmental Bulletin will prove useful in promoting more effective citizen participation in efforts to preserve and enhance the State's environment." The Bulletin will be published bi-weekly, and will contain:

—Notices of all Departmental hearings, including those relating to permit applications, rules and regulations and water quality classification;

—Notice of applications which require publication, such as State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES), or for hich the Department deems public notice appropriate such as applications for stream protection permits.

—Other appropriate public notices including those relating to the State Envioronmental Quality Review Act.

The Bulletin will be mailed first class, to all subscribers so that information will be available "in a timely manner," Commissioner Berle said.

The subscription rate is $10 a year. It is anticipated that a typical bulletin will carry 30-35 hearing notices, 120 application notices and 25-30 other notices.

The first two issues of the "Bulletin" were published this month and went to some 500 subscribers. At a later date, the Department plans to publish an annual directory of environmental groups in New York State. Any organizations which want to be included in the Directory should advise Mrs. Jane Magee, Room 602, Department of Environmental Conservation, 50 Wolf Road, Albany, New York 12233. For more info call Arthur Woldt at (518) 457-5400.

CLUB NEWS

NEW ANGLERS FISHING CLUB

The New Angler's Fishing Club of Long Beach held the drawing of their raffle on Wednesday, August 4th at the Texas Ranger in Island Park. First prize of a $100 US Bond was won by Larry Liskeaicz, second a $50 Bond to Jack Regan and third prize was a $25 Bond to Violet Maitland.

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The Casting Gourmet

Japanese Style Tuna Spiced Grape Butter

Those of you have read a column of mine relating to the preparation of the meat from giant blue fin tuna for the table (American Style) may remember that I asked my readers to tell me how the Japanese prepare this fish for their own consumption—eating it raw. I am so very in debt to one William L. Brooks of New Rochelle, New York who graciously responded to my plea in the following manner. Before quoting his letter, however, I telephoned him to thank him for his contribution. He then related that he had lived in Japan for three years and had married a Japanese girl and had thereby become acquainted with a great deal of their culinary artistry. He writes:

"Dear Mr. Evans: I can answer your query about how the Japanese people prepare and eat tuna, based on years of culinary experience. But first, let me give you a vocabulary:

margo Tuna
Sashimi—Raw Fish
Maguro no sashimi—Raw Tuna
Toro—The fatty belly of the tuna (most desirable)
Wasabi—A horseradish-like root (tastes like a cross between hot mustard and horseradish)
Shoyu—Soy Sauce

Small strips of raw tuna are dipped into a mixture of soy sauce and wasabi paste.

Wasabi can be found in any Japanese food store. It comes as a powder and, like mustard, is activated by water. Too much of it taken can seemingly burn the insides of your nostrils away!). The tuna is served with a side dish of hot rice, finely cut cabbage sprinkled with soy sauce, and possibly a bit of specially prepared kelp available in Japanese food stores. Also, Japanese green tea is a must to complete the snack.

The rice must be the kind served in Japanese restaurants; never use Carolina long-grained rice. Any Japanese food store has this rice which is usually grown in California and labelled Kokuho or Kotobuki or Sakura Rose.

Two cups of rice will feed about 3 to 4 people. Wash the rice and drain about five times until all the talc coating, which appears as a white sediment in the water, is removed. Cook the rice in a wide bottomed sauce pan with enough water covering the rice to reach the first joint of the middle finger. The rice should sit in cold water. Keep the pot covered. NEVER stir! Bring to a boil and then lower the flame until the rice is boiling slowly. When all extra water has been absorbed or boiled away, and the rice looks fluffy, remove from the fire and let stand for 10 to 15 minutes to bring out the best flavor. (Most Japanese housewives have automatic rice-cookers now to eliminate the necessity of watching the boiling pot.)

Smaller tuna are considered tastier than the giants. The fish should be gutted and bled as soon as possible after catching and then kept on ice because the meat spoils rapidly. Japanese restaurants and food stores usually buy the tuna whole and cut them up themselves. Frozen tuna is OK, but the flavor of the meat is inferior.

To prepare tuna for eating, fillet and skin the fish, making sure that the very dark, oily strips are cut away and discarded. Cut the pinkish belly strips and the candy-like red meat into rectangular shapes, about 6 to 8 inches

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long and 1 inch thick (enough for one person). Then, slice in one quarter inch segments across the grain at a slight angle. Lay out on a dish nicely like one would a sliced cucumber. Keep very cold until ready to serve. (Twenty four hours is the limit before the flavor begins to fade). Serve with sliced cabbage and kelp. Each person gets a side dish of steaming, white rice.

Dip the tuna slice into the soy sauce, wasabi mixture and then savor one of the great gourmet delicacies of the world. The taste is indescribably delicious! There is no trace of oilness or fishiness.

Incidentally, tuna is just one of the many seafoods that the Japanese eat raw. Also delicious are striped bass, bonito, squid and sea urchin—to name but a few."—sincerely, Bill Brooks.

I do hope that the publication of the above letter does not add materially to the gradually diminishing supply of tuna in the waters of the world but I do hope that those fishermen who are fortunate in catching tuna —D.O.A—Dead on arrival, will realize their good fortune and not leave them to rot on docksides as I have witnessed so very many times.

Spiced Grape Butter

Just to show that my gastronomic interests are not completely dominated by aquatic fauna, I present to the mothers and wives of my fishermen friends the following delicious-sounding recipe for which NO COOKING is involved. As a spread for muffins, biscuits or bread it looks yummy.

2 cups (about 2 pounds fully ripe Concord grapes)
¼ teaspoon ground cinnamon
¼ teaspoon ground cloves
4 cups (1¾ lb.) sugar
½ bottle liquid fruit pectin

First prepare the containers. Use only containers 1 pint or less in size that have tight fitting lids. Wash, scald and drain containers and lids. Or use automatic dishwasher with really hot (150 degrees F.) rinse water.

Then prepare the fruit. Thoroughly crush about 2 pounds of Concord grapes. Put crushed fruit through a good mill or press through a sieve. Measure 2 cups into a large bowl or pan. Stir in spices.

Then make the butter. Thoroughly mix sugar into fruit, let stand for 10 minutes. Stir fruit pectin into fruit. Continue stirring for 3 minutes. (A few sugar crystals will remain.) Ladle quickly into containers. Cover at once with tight lids. Let stand at room temperature until set (may take up to 24 hours.); then store in freezer. If butter will be used within 2 or 3 weeks, it may be stored in refrigerator. Makes 4 ¾ cups or about 4 (8 fl. ounces) containers. (Courtesy of Certo fruit pectin.)

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LAST WEEK'S WINNER:

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Surf Side with John Fritz

THE SORE THUMB

It was an hour before sundown as I arrived on the Thumb, to check out the beach before choosing where to fish this evening. If there is no particular hot spot at the current time it is my custom to drive to the Thumb and scan the beach with binoculars for any activity. From here, Democrat Point, the back side of Robert Moses and the Cedar Beach area to the Gilgo Coast Guard Station can be pursued for signs of fish.

On this particular evening the beach looked quiet except for several buggies clustered along the east face of the Thumb. Upon investigation I found that the regulars were catching nice size weakfish using snappers, freshly caught, in the cove, behind where they were fishing. After watching for several minutes, while kicking myself in the butt for forgetting my light tackle, I decided to leave and not aggravate myself any longer.

I retreated to the opposite side and made up my mind to try for some small bass with my 8 foot plugging stick. After cautiously climbing down to the water's edge, I chose an ounce and a half popper and cast out. A few casts later I was in. Nice fish but with the medium weight tackle I couldn't hold him. Straight for the rocks he dove and when I felt the line rubbing against the rocks, I knew the inevitable was going to happen. Snap!

Another popper and a few more casts, I'm in again with the same end result. "OK," I cursed to myself, "get the eleven footer out." Once again I set the hook on a good fish but with the drag set for the open beach he was into the rocks before I could stop him. Feverishly I tied on another plug and tightened the drag as much as I dare. No quarter, I muttered. Smack! I got you now Roccus, which I finally did. Nineteen and change when finally put on a scale.

It was almost dark now and repeated casts with the popper brought no response. Any swimming plug was immediately engulfed in weed, so that ended the night. The following evening I was ready but after two straight hours of casting I came up with a big fat nothing.

The Sore Thumb like most other fishable areas has it's moments and while not as consistent as some, it does produce enough fish to carry your interest. For those mobile Babylon residents it would pay to check it out before or after fishing other areas along Cedar. Those of you who are unable to drive here for one reason or another the effort involved to fish here could make it worth your while.

I don't know who named this man-made spit of land the Sore Thumb but the name is appropriate. The area was built by dumping construction rubble to form a L shaped jetty projecting into Fire Island Inlet. The original purpose was to stabilize the shifting sands in this area. Whether the original purpose was realized or not the shore fisherman gained a prime fishing spot.

The reason for this is two-fold.

First of all, this odd-shaped jetty juts well into the inlet, interrupting the tidal flow, causing strong rips and eddies to form on both incoming and outgoing tides.

In order to illustrate the possibilities here, let me just state a short incident in the past. About 8 years ago when I did much more boat fishing a beautiful rip used to form off the southwest corner on the last of the ebb. On many occasions water poured over the gunwales of my 14 foot run-about as we trolled bucktails through the slop. While we never hung any cows we did a respectable job on school bass up to the high teens.

This rip, I'm sorry to say is changed now, as with most features along the oceanfront, to be replaced with other rips, which while not as strong and productive, still yield sufficient numbers of our quarry to make them interesting.

Before we proceed any further let me pause for the benefit of the uninformed in order to pinpoint the area we are speaking about. The Sore Thumb is located on the north side of Fire Island Inlet opposite Democrat Point. It is the property of the Town of Babylon. The Thumb can be reached either with a beach buggy displaying the required permit or by foot. Non-residents should park in one of the two parking fields which I will specify. As with all parking in this general area you can leave yourself open for a ticket by leaving your car in any but the authorized parking areas.

The two safe lots lie quite a distance away requiring a substantial walk in order to reach the fishing. To the west, which will leave you a walk in the sand, is the Cedar Beach Overlook parking field. If this lot is chosen the walk can be seemingly shortened by plugging the Old Channel as you go. At least you will be at the water's edge in the event anything happens. This lot, I am told is open during the season to non-residents for a fee. The fee is $4 on weekends and $2 on weekdays because of the golf course. After the season you have no problem. During a phone call to Babylon Department of Parks and Beaches made in June of this year I was told that the gates will be open at night.

To the east, which leaves you a walk mostly along a paved road, is the parking field at Oak Beach. This is the lot on the south side of the highway by the Oak Beach Store, not the lot at Oak Island. This lot has some advantages over Cedar. There are no restrictions on parking and you have available the services of the Store which include but are not limited, to bait, tackle, information and refreshments.

One last word before we get on with the fishing. The construction road is now open because of the dredging operation now in progress. If you give in to temptation and drive on the Thumb the fine can be $100.

While I won't dwell on these facts, I just want to mention that flounder, fluke, blackfish, and snappers can be taken from the Thumb in their respective seasons.

Schools of blues, while highly mobile, on occasion return at certain stages of the tide for a few days at a stretch. This action cannot be pinpointed so you will have to rely on "Lady Luck". These blues are usually found on the ebb when the rip forms off the east face.

Weakfish are hunted by the regulars and while some are taken on artificials most are fished for on the bottom. The artificials used here are the standard items used on weaks such as bucktails, plastic shrimp, or small swimming plugs, whereas the usuai baits like mackerel, or squid are the bottom fare. Later in the season snappers are caught on the inside of the east face and are carried over to the outside and used either live or dead to catch large weaks.

In 1975 Walter Joseph of the Farragut Striper Club set the current world record for weakfish, in the 20 pound test category, fishing from the Sore Thumb.

While weakfish are nice to catch the main quarry in my opinion is the striped bass. Here again the most successful method is to use natural bait such as clam, mackerel, bunker or eels to name a few. One technique commonly used from boats which can be employed here easily is to fish with live baby blackfish. As previously mentioned blacks can be

caught in the rocks, rigged on another line, and cast out for the bass. The small blacks can be hooked either through the lips or in the back near the dorsal fin, and lobbed into the rips on the end of a fish-finder rig.

As for myself, I resort to the more standard baits like eels or frozen mackerel. During slack water cast out the bait and let it lie on the bottom and wait. Strong currents and the usual abundance of seaweed can make bottom fishing impossible unless you wait for slack water. Remember that the slack water periods are found after the high and low water times found in your tide tables. This slack water period will only last a few hours. However, bass like to lie in the rips waiting for the bait to be brought to them, so I suggest that you try fishing during the running tide.

This can be accomplished easily enough but it will take a little more effort than bottom fishing usually requires. Cast your bait up current, say at a 45 degree angle as you face the water, let it roll along the bottom until it reaches a 45 degree angle down-current. Now reel in and start the process over again. Bank sinkers can be used because the bottom is sand once away from the Thumb. The difficulty is found when reeling in over the rocks. Reel fast keeping the rod tip high and be prepared to lose a few rigs for if the rocks don't get you the reinforcing rods probably will.

A slimmer profile on your terminal gear can be had by using a drail instead of the fish-finder rig. Simply attach the drail to the end of the line and follow it with your baited hook. This method I find works well when using eels.

Heavy tackle is necessary here for several reasons. First, in order to keep the fish from diving into the rocks. Second, backbone is also needed to dig the fish out of the rips. A medium size fish can feel like a record breaker when she used the current to full advantage.

As mentioned in the opening paragraph of this article, plugging can be productive on occasion. The northeast corner has produced nice catches of weaks in past years using bucktails. This year though the pipe-line and pumps for the dredging operation are located off this corner and inhibit the fishing here.

When working any type of swimming plug grass can be a big problem, on some nights it only takes a few cranks of the reel before your plug is engulfed with all sorts of weed.

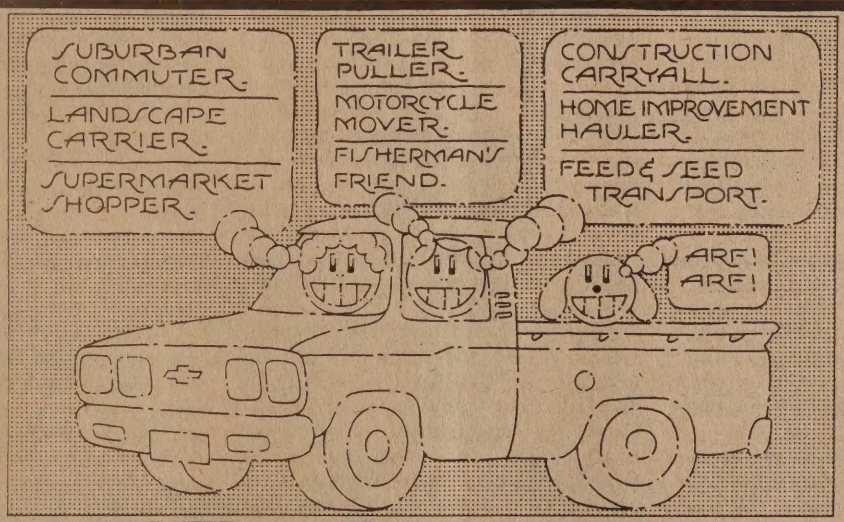
Fishing the Thumb presents many problems not encountered on the sandy beaches or as found on normal jetties.

The top of the Thumb is several feet above the water and while this is a nice platform for casting, landing a good fish can be a hassle. The top lip of the thumb is undercut in many places, mostly along the south face, and could crumble under your weight. This condition also makes it difficult to climb down to the water's edge and limiting the access to the shelf below. When fishing at low water it is advisable to make your way to the water before casting, trying to maneuver these rocks with a fish on can lead to disaster. Rocks washed by the sea can be expected to support slippery marine growth but additional caution must be excercised to prevent tripping over the many reinforcing rods jutting at all angles from the rubble.

A long-handled gaff would be a useful accessory here. At high water you will have to lift the fish over the southside lip. Whereas at low water your mobility is reduced by the poor footing, especially at night.

The winds do not present a major problem here because you will be able to find a lee side. It may prevent you from fishing a particular corner but you will find a place to fish from.

Whether your quarry is flounder in the spring or cow bass in the fall the Sore Thumb is worth a try when your favorite haunts are not paying off. If the fish are not to be had, John the Greek can be found there almost every day to keep you laughing with his amusing stories.



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Sinker Bouncing

Early Fall Flounder

with Matt Ahern

I'm a flounder fan from 'way back; no doubt about it. I'm also a great guy for rushing the season. With cool nights at hand, flounder are returning to their local haunts. Prompted by hunger, these early run flatties are prime targets for the baited hook. I'm ready for them. How about you?

When several important points are kept in mind, it isn't difficult for the fisherman to get his share.

Because the average flounder isn't a heavy weight, fishermen use the lightest tackle possible. Many find fresh water spinning tackle ideal and offering the most sport. Others use only light to medium weight salt water tackle, either spinning or conventional, depending upon the angler's preference.

Tackle choice is yours, of course, but if the area you plan to fish is known to harbor stronger than normal tidal currents, it is best to use the medium-weight stuff. To combat such currents, a four ounce (and heavier) sinker may be needed. Therefore using light tackle in such places may leave much to be desired.

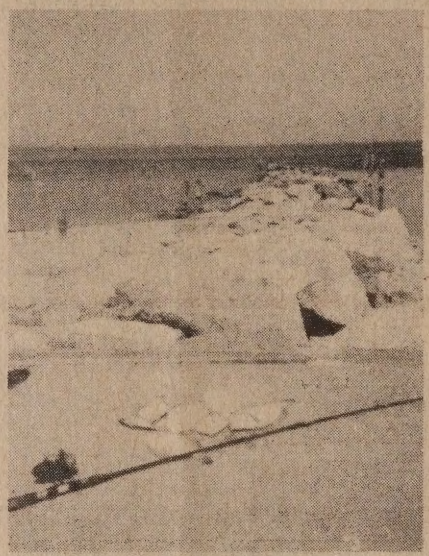
Sinker weight may vary not only from place to place, and day to day, but often hour to hour. As a general rule, though, fishermen find two ounce bank sinkers work out nicely; especially so if the reel is filled with six to eight pound test monifilament.

Generally, it isn't necessary to go about two ounces, as most flounder fishing is done where currents are slow moving. But the smart fisherman is always prepared for any eventuality. You will notice his well-filled tackle box always contains an assortment of various weights.

Many fishermen use fifteen to twenty pound test monofilament with their medium weight tackle. However, the use of lighter mono allows the fisherman to feel the slightest touch of even the most cautious flounder. Unless the angler has much flounder experience, lighter line should be preferred.

Occasionally, terminal tackle gets snagged on bottom and a rig or two lost. Carry extra hooks and sinkers, just in case. Rather a little more weight in your tackle box, than face the possibility of pulling anchor and making a long haul to the nearest fishing station for the supply you should have brought along in the first place.

The sad thing when this happens is



When husky fall flounder are around. . .

. . .double headers are common.

that fish seem always to be in a biting mood. I've never known it to happen any other way. Often upon returning to the spot, the fish, that minutes before seemed almost willing to jump into the boat, have either quit or moved to greener pastures. It's one of the fishing facts in the life of every sinker bouncer, but fortunately can be avoided by careful planning.

If you are a beginning fisherman, don't make the mistake of forgetting that flounder are considered a bottom feeding fish. I can guarantee you won't have much luck with flounder should your hooks be rigged too high. In fact, there's an excellent chance you won't catch any. Right smack on the bottom is where you want your hooks to be.

I know several experienced fishermen who catch flounder on hooks purposely placed two feet above the sinker. But these fellows know exactly what they are doing—and their triple headers prove it. But until you know the feeding habits of flounder from A to Z, make sure your hooks are always on the bottom.

The best rig for flounder is the "Canarsie", or tandem-hook rig. This is simple to make. Use two hooks and tie the snell of one to the middle of the other. This will guarantee your bait to be always on the bottom where it is easlily found by foraging flounder. Place this rig about two inches above the sinker, either with a two-inch double-overhand loop, or with the aid of a three-way swivel. Actually, the swivel isn't needed, but it does make for easier fishing.

Many flounder fishermen use spreaders instead of the tandem-rig. To my way of thinking, these are nothing but nuisances for serious flounder fishermen. Insensitive to the bite of lightly feeding fish, continuously fouling on the slightest obstruction, often festooned with weed, the fisherman would do well to forget the spreader and rely on the tandem-rig. He'll certainly catch more flounder by so doing.

The standard flounder hook is the Charlestown in sizes nine or ten—nine preferred. This hook has a long shank, making removal easier should it be swallowed. This happens frequently no matter how quickly the attempt to set the hook. A hook disgorger, or rust proof needle nose pliers will aid here.

An excellent hook, and one which I'd never be without when flounder fishing, is the regular-shanked number six Sproat, tied to a twelve inch snell. This hook is sure to hook and hold any flounder to three pounds with ease. To flounder fishermen who use nothing but Chestertowns, I'm sure these hooks seem hardly worth a second glance. But don't let appearance fool you. For fishermen interested in catching plenty of flounder, these number six Sproats are the hooks to use. Even when deeply swallowed, which incidentally seldom happens with this small hook, it is easily

removed by grasping the fish firmly and giving a short, quick tug on the snell.

The best bait for early fall flounder are sand or bloodworm. Later in the season, sandworm will have the edge on the north shore of Long Island, and bloodworm on the south shore. But right now both will produce. To play it safe, though, most fishermen bring a supply of both. Later as the water cools, any of the various clams will produce well.

When placing worm on the hook, use inch and a half pieces and be sure to bring the barb through a quarter inch from the end. This will give the worm a more natural look when lying on bottom. Baiting in this manner also insures immediate hooking. Needless to say, bait that is bunched and curved around ther bend of the hook attracts few flounder. Flounder seem never to notice the protruding barb and pounce upon this tempting looking morsel with relish.

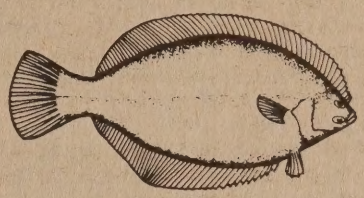
Experienced fishermen know much about the art of flounder fishing, therefore, you will find them seeking these early-run flatties in the deeper, normally cooler spots of bays, creeks, and canals. These fishermen have found that few flounder will be caught in shallow, warmer water at this time of the year.

These first run fish are husky, usually of good size, and fish from one to one and a half pounds can be expected in a good days fishing. They have fed well over the summer.

Whether fishing from a boat or from shore, flounder fishermen come into their own when fall flatties return. These fish are willing biters, and because this is so, the temptation to keep more than needed is often strong. The fisherman should be guided by his conscience.

One last thing of importance: Please, I beg of you, return those "postage stamps" you are sure to catch. We no longer have a plentiful supply of fish. If we do that, there will be plenty of flounder for all—now and in the future.

Conserve the flounder!



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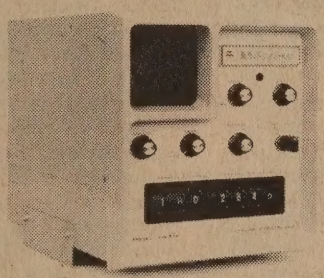

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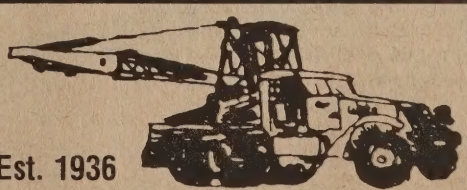

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Giant Tuna Time!

by Al Ristori Part II

There is no such consistency to the giant tuna fishing closer to home. During the past several years, there have been good spurts of action in the Mud Hole area. Lots of both patience and bait is required for that fishing, but the rewards can be great. The New Jersey state record for bluefin tuna is only 796 pounds, taken by Joseph Casale in 1973. Considering the abundance of 800 and 900 lb. tuna at Stellwagen Bank this summer, it seems certain that fish of that size should be available in local waters this season. I'm not sure what the New York record is, but since they just started keeping records last year, it's probably within striking distance. Though some bunker chum is used, the secret to attracting giants in the Mud Hole is heavy chunking—and that can get expensive. As this is being written, the first giants have just been reported from this area and area anglers can look forward to a long season. This year there is a separate quota of 150 giants for the area south and west of Cape Cod. As of mid-August the quota hadn't been touched. Many fine charter boats are available for this fishing from ports such as Atlantic Beach, Sheepshead Bay, Atlantic Highlands, Belmar and Brielle. I can particularly recommend Captain Bob Pisano of the "Old Salty" out of Belmar. (Home 201-775-5099; boat 201-681-8492.) Bob is an absolute fanatic about tuna fishing and one of the most consistent producers in the area.

Almost every year, a run of giants develops off the eastern end of Long Island. Often it's in Butterfish Hole, where the tuna follow draggers working on the butterfish and yellowtail flound-

ers. The draggers usually discard the low priced ling and whiting, creating a banquet table for giant tuna. Unfortunately, the concentrations of bottom fish in Butterfish Hole haven't been too good in the past few years and, as a result, this fishing may not occur this year. As previously noted, the best fishing last year was well east of Block Island. If a run does develop, it's usually only "hot" for a week or two—so keep up with the reports and be ready to grab a date with a Montauk charterboat.

Some tuna always show up on the Rhode Island coast from late August to late September. The period around Labor Day is supposed to be best and provides the setting for the annual Rhode Island Tuna Tournament. Unfortunately, the fishing has been very inconsistent for years—though the fish could suddenly settle in on these grounds, once again, at any time. Along the Rhode Island coast, giant tuna are taken in very shallow water and surprisingly close to shore.

Many private boats fish for giant tuna when they're available, but, unlike shark fishing, this is a sport where specialized tackle is essential. At the very minimum, you should have 9/0 reels and 80 lb. dacron. If you don't want to sink that kind of money into tackle you may not use very often, stick with the charter boats! Small boat anglers can also get into giant tuna fishing if properly equipped. A fighting chair should be installed in the bow so the fish can tow the boat and literally beat himself. A few years ago, I did a TV show for Lloyd Bridges' "Waterword" during which I caught three giants in three days from a 21' Boston Whaler with only one other person aboard. The fish, which ranged up to 745 pounds were caught in about the same time I'd expect to catch them from a big boat and with even less effort on the anglers part! Detailed instructions on "how-to-do-it" were included in articles I wrote for The Fisherman during the past two years.

Before going giant tuna fishing this year, keep the new federal regulations in mind. In order to keep a tuna of over 300 pounds on your boat, the boat must be registered. Free registration is available from the National Marine Fisheries Service, P.O. Box 679, Gloucester, Mass. 01930. As of August 14th, you may take up to seven tuna per week until the quota is reached. Before that time the quota was only one per day and yet, Bill Gordon (director of the northeast region for NMFS) told me that 600 (out of a quota for northern areas of 1,850) had already been taken before mid-August. As previously noted, the 150 quota for areas below Cape Cod was still wide open at that time. Even after the quotas are filled, tag and release fishing will still be permitted.

The reason we have federal regulations is that the overall tuna population is in bad shape. Due to excessive seining of all year classes from the early sixties until a couple of years ago, we now find ourselves with a strong population of giants (spawned prior to the heavy seining) and the last few year classes (that have received some governmental protection), with little in between. While the older fish wouldn't normally be considered the ideal spawning stock, there doesn't appear to be enough tuna of medium sizes to create the new year classes that will carry on the fishery in the future. Hence, the restrictions on large tuna that appear to be relatively abundant. Due to the "gap" noted above, it may be many years before we once again see giant tuna fishing such as we're now experiencing, once the current crop of giants die out. Give it a try now and develop an appreciation for the great strength and endurance of the fish. Then you too will be ready to fight for its survival!

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THE BOTTOM LINE

with Scott Simons

BLUEFISHING— Without Wire or Chum

Undoubtably, the bluefish is sought by a far wider range of fishing techniques than any other of the gamefish. Quickly, let's go over the various methods to see what their functions are.

Chumming. By feeding fish parts and juices into the water, a chum "slick" is created that the bluefish will smell and follow to its source, coming across the anglers bait of cut fish along the way. Chumming is most effective when the fish are scattered over a wide expanse of water as they forage for food, and has the function of gathering the bluefish together and leading them to the boat.

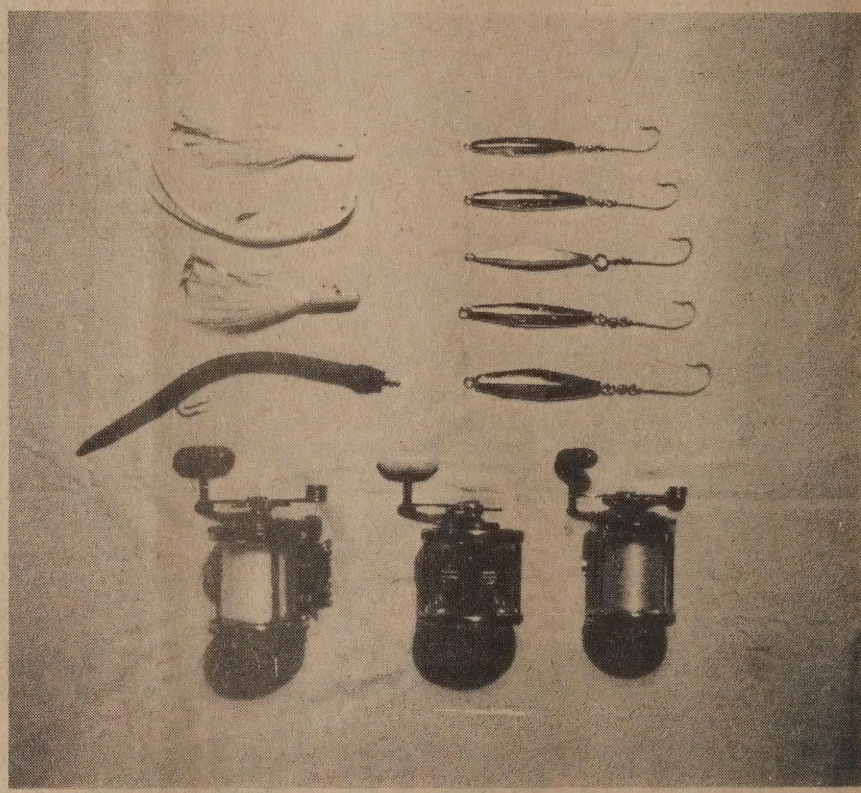
Live-lining. Swimming a live bunker, herring, snapper, eel or other baitfish in an area that the baitfish being used is a predominate part of the bluefish's diet. Examples: live bunker near schools of the same, eels at night, snappers in bays and inlets, etc., delivers the proper food in the proper place at the proper time. (Theoretically, anyway.)

Trolling. Also known as wire lining, dragging wire and a few other names I will not mention for fear of my life from certain parties. An artificial lure, lures or tackle shop is pulled behind a moving boat so that it imitates some type of baitfish. The weight and fine diameter of the wire line helps to get the artificial down to the level it is suspected that the fish are feeding at. The lure moves over the bottom horizontally, maintaining the same depth. It has the advantage of presenting the offering over a wide area in search of feeding fish.

Casting. Throwing an artificial lure a distance away from a stationary point, then retrieving. Travels over the bottom horizontally, but by varying the retrieve and using different types of artificials, various depths may be covered. One of the most unproductive methods of taking fish, casting is, however, the most sporting and self-gratifying to many anglers.

Vertical Trolling. Also known as squidding, diamond jigging and other unprintable names by wire liners. Vertical trolling is simply free-spooling an artificial to the bottom, then rapidly retrieving it "vertically" to the surface. It has many advantages over other fishing techniques at times, and is the subject of this weeks column.

There's nothing complicated or exotic in the tackle department—you can't go wrong with conventional. You want a boat rod six to six and a half feet long with a fairly limber tip and plenty of backbone, so look for those with a fast or medium taper. Match the rod with one of three Penn reels shown in the photo: A, Jigmaster; B, 3/0 112H; or C, the Squidder. Both the Squidder and Jigmaster have quick change spools, available in metal or plastic. You want plastic spools because the heavier metal ones have a tendency to over-ride, creating loose loops and backlashes that can be annoying when the fishing is hot. The 112H has a higher gear ratio that means you can turn the handle slower and still reel in as fast as the Squidder or Jigmaster, but you can't change the spool and they are only available in metal.



Use of a heavy leader is mandatory unless you don't mind using a lot of rigs. I use a three-foot length of 40 lb. test leader material with a barrel swivel at one end and a four-inch end loop at the opposite end. Use a number 5 or number 7 black barrel swivel...a shiny swivel will often attract another bluefish that will bite it and sever the line. The lure is attached to the end loop as though it were a sinker—pass the loop through the eyelet of the lure, then pass the lure through the loop and pull the line taught. This allows you to change lures quickly. Do not use a snap swivel—many times the lure will flip back onto the leader and become fouled as it is lowered to the bottom. You can also tie the lure direct with a clinch knot if you prefer.

Choice of lures is pretty much limited to those shown in the photo: (top left, down) 3 ounce white Flashbuck by Gold Seal; 3-oz. Tri-Fin Whiptail; 3-oz. yellow Flashbuck; and the Big Banana by Ava Tackle in green or white. At right are various weights of diamond jigs, the primary lure for vertical trolling or squidding. The top two and bottom two are Ava Tackle diamond jigs, which are flatter and not as diamond shaped as the jig in the center, which is a converted Bridgeport jig with the treble hook replaced with a single hook via a barrel swivel and split ring. Many bluefish will be lost if you use a jig with a treble hook, which provides leverage for the blue to wrench the hook out of his mouth. It used to be that the angler had to spend time and money changing the trebles to single hooks, but now single hook

diamond jigs are available from both Ava Tackle Co. and Bridgeport. I prefer the Ava jigs because they have more action than the diamond shaped Bridgeports, but the Bridgeport jigs sink a little faster so are better when fishing in strong currents and getting the jig to the bottom proves difficult.

The actual technique of vertical trolling or squidding is very simple. With the diamond jigs, just lower the jig to the bottom on free spool, lock the reel the instant it touches the bottom and reel rapidly to the surface. Use the jig without pork-rind, squid strip or other unnecessary adornment. On the Flashbucks you can use a piece of Uncle Josh Porkrind with the stinger hook. Lower the Flashbuck to the bottom and then experiment with different retrieves: slow, fast, short jigs, long sweeps, etc., until you find the right combination. Both the Tri-Fin Whiptail and Ava Big Banana sink fairly slow, so they produce best where the currents aren't too strong. Reel just fast enough to give these lures a swimming movement, with an occasional pause to allow them to sink a few feet. The Whiptail works best with a strip of squid for flutter; use the Banana unadorned.

When the bluefish are thick, more times than not the lure will be hit on its way to the bottom. Let the free-spooling line run through your fingertips so you can detect these hits, which will often feel like a little nudge or bump. If you are fishing in sixty feet of water and the jig suddenly stops dead in its tracks at 30 feet, set the hook! When the blues hit the jig on the way up, it's a different story—like somebody is trying to take the rod away from you...which they are.

In any case, when you do get a hit set that hook HARD with three or four sharp jabs of the rod. Actually try and pull the hook out of the fishes mouth. You don't want to waste time playing fish that are lightly lip hooked only to lose them at the boat after a ten minute ordeal. If you are going to lose a fish, lose him as soon as possible...nine times out of ten another blue will hit the jig within a few seconds after the first fish has thrown the hook. If you get a hit but fail to set the hook, keep reeling and don't stop. If the hit is on the way down, keep free spooling until you hit bottom. The worse thing you can do is stop movement of the jig after a missed hit.

Vertical jigging works wherever you find a school of hungry bluefish, but there are certain conditions where they work best like the funnel-type sluiceways at the Race and Plum Gut. Other prime areas are the pieces of high ground surrounded by deep water like the many found in the waters between Montauk Point and Block Island like the Submarine Buoy, Southwest Ledge, Midway

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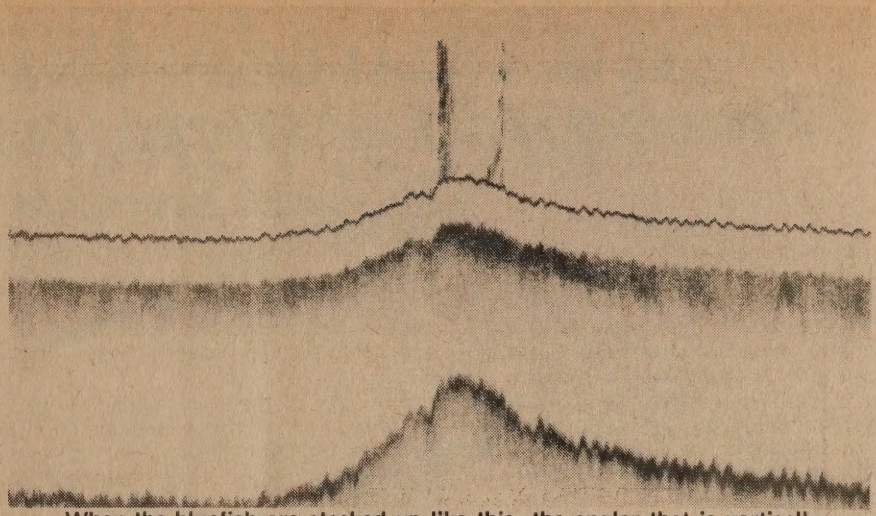
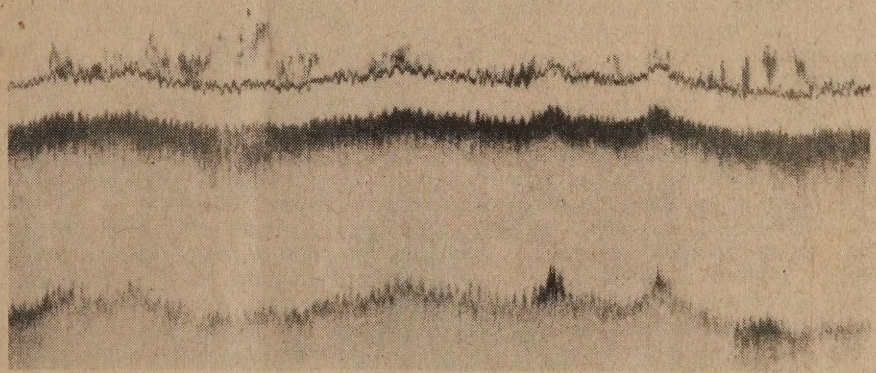
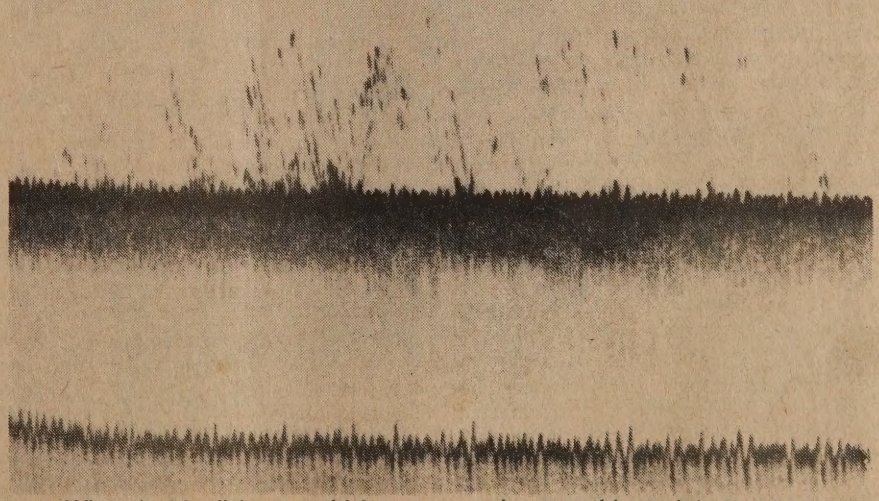


When the bluefish are stacked up like this, the angler that is vertically trolling can stay right on top of the school while the wire-liners must make "passes". This white-line read out was made on the authors Sitex recorder.



When the bluefish are close to the bottom in deep water as shown in this Sitex white-line recording, the vertical troller will have his lure working in the fish constantly while wire-liners are unable to get their lures deep enough.



When the bluefish are as thick as shown on this straight-line Sitex recording you can't do anything wrong. . .usually.

NATURAL BAITS—
The Sand Launce (AKA Sand Eel)

by Frank Berrafato

One summer day in July of 1976, this writer was fishing for fluke from the jetty overlooking Shinnecock Inlet. The water had reached the high tidal stage, and it was now beginning to retreat. I carefully strung two sand launces through the eyes, and a cast with a two ounce sinker weight brought the bait to about 150 feet into the inlet. A fluke, which turned out to be a short, quickly wolfed down the offering. I ended up catching and releasing 5 short fluke that day, but what surprised me was the effectiveness of this natural bait. Anglers who fished with squid, spearing or killies saw little or no action on this particular day. Because the sand launce forms a main part of the diet of many of our local species of marine life, his lifestyle, habits and characteristics deserve a close scrutiny.

The sand eel is a little fish which is a favorite bait among many fishermen. But the name "sand eel" is misleading—since he is not an eel. The proper name is "sand launce", and a shorter but corrupted version—"lant"—is still used in some localities. He is found in shallow waters, and frequently along the tide line along the surf, from Maine to Cape Hatteras, North Carolina, although he is most plentiful in the northern part of this range.

We are dealing with a baitfish which ranges from 4 to 8 inches in size, but can attain a length of up to 12 inches. The smaller sizes of the species are more commonly used for bait.

But since the sand launce seeks sandy areas, and seldom if ever are found lingering in rocky places or over mud bottoms, they can usually be caught in large numbers by nets or seines. The fact that they travel in tight schools also makes them susceptible to large scale netting. If captured alive, and the weather is cool, they can be kept alive in damp seaweed for a couple of hours, but as a general rule, sand launces cannot be kept alive in large quantities for any appreciable amount of time.

There are other ways in which the angler can secure sand launces. Sometimes they can be dug out of damp sand just above the lowtide mark. At other times, when they are abundant, they are chased up onto a beach by predators or stranded in great numbers by a storm whereupon they can be picked up by fishermen.

The chief physical characteristic of the sand launce is its slenderness. Also characteristic of the sand launce are the long, continuous dorsal fin, long anal fin, and the small forked tail. A noticeable projection of his lower jaw beyond the upper, and a sharply pointed snout complete his visible physical traits. (See illustration.)

The color of the sand launce varies, but in general, it is not outstanding. It runs to brownish green, blue-green, olive and blueish above, changing to silver on the side and to white on the belly. The fisherman usually sees a silver side and white belly upon opening a box of frozen sand launces, but in life the body has a silvery iridescence which disappears rapidly at death. The variations in color are due to a certain camouflage adaptability to the color of the bottom over which they live.

Upon close examination, the angler will notice that the sand launce has no teeth. This fact, coupled with his tiny mouth, compel the sand launce to seek very small food items such as small crustaceans, marine worms, and the very young of other fish.

Sand launces are very gregarious, gathering in packed schools which comprise fantastic numbers of individuals. It appears that the dense schooling could be one of nature's ways of concentrating food for larger fish. For example, whales and porpoises are known to gulp them down by the thousands when they come upon them. Predatory fish such as bluefish and striped bass will quickly pounce upon schools which they encounter, while the whiting will pursue them in the surf, sometimes chasing them right up onto the beach.

A curious characteristic about the sand launce is his method of swimming. He swims like an eel, with the same undulating wriggling movement.

The sand launce has the extraordinary ability to burrow into sand. With his sharp-pointed snout, he can dig himself six inches into sand in a flash. Anglers who come upon schools of these baitfish will notice that they spook easily and vanish with amazing rapidity.

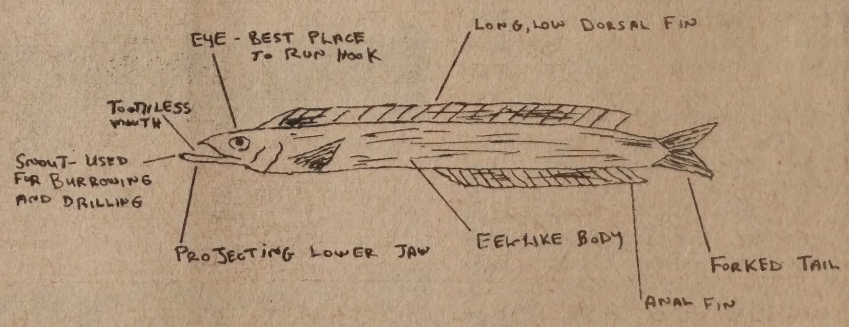
There is also another interesting sideline to the sharp snout of the sand launce. Sometimes when they are devoured by larger fish, they can literally drill their way completely through the predator's stomach and into the body cavity, eventually becoming encysted in the body wall.

The sand launce has no value as food, but it is an important natural bait. They are of dietary importance to many species of fish, including striped bass, fluke, bluefish, weakfish, cod, whiting and mackerel. This writer finds that when they are fresh, or just thawing out, they stay on the hook fairly well. You can hook them through the back, which is stronger then their stomach, but this method has a tendency to twist the line when drifting or retrieving the bait.

The best method is to run the hook through the eyes, which is the toughest part of their skeleton. The angler will not lose many fish through short bites since most fish, especially the fluke, have a tendency to gulp the bait down in one piece.

Like most other natural baits, it is not wise to keep the sand launce in the hot sun since the heat will make the bait soft and very difficult for the angler to effectively present to his quarry.

FISHERMAN'S SKETCH OF THE SAND LAUNCE



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THE FISHERMAN "IQ" TEST

BY FRED GUARDINEER

(1) THERE ARE MORE DEATHS ANNUALLY FROM BEE STINGS THAN THERE ARE FROM SHARK ATTACKS. TRUE ☐ FALSE ☐

(2) THE TARPON IS THE SYMBOLIC FISH OF ?
LOUISIANA ☐
FLORIDA ☐
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ANSWERS AT BOTTOM OF PAGE.

(3) THE HELLGRAMMITE, ONE OF THE GREATEST LIVE BAITS FOR FRESHWATER BASS, IS THE LARVAE OF THE
DRAGON FLY ☐
DOBSON FLY ☐
CADDIS FLY ☐

(4) WHAT IS THIS INEXPENSIVE EASILY CONSTRUCTED MECHANISM USED BY MANY BAYMEN ?

CARVED 1½ INCH DOWEL OR AN OLD OAR HANDLE.

SCREW-TYPE HOSE CLAMP TO SECURE PIPE TO MOTOR HANDLE.

30-INCH PIECE OF 1½ INCH I.D. PLASTIC PIPE.

PIPE SLIT 4 INCHES DEEP WITH HACKSAW.

(5) WHICH SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRY IS FAMOUS FOR THIS BRONZE LADY-HALF WOMAN AND HALF FISH ?

NORWAY ☐
SWEDEN ☐
DENMARK ☐

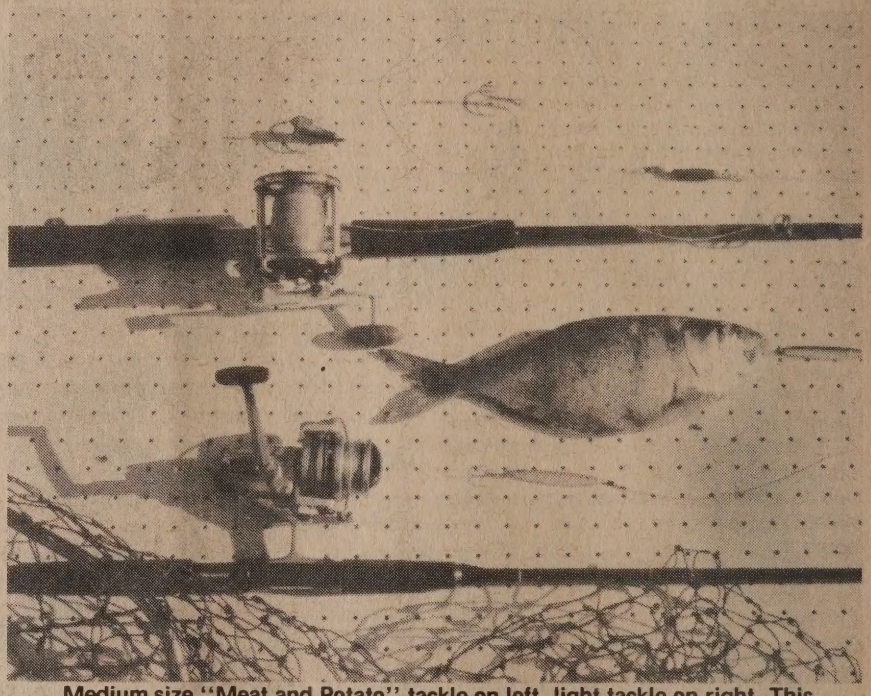
1 - TRUE. 2 - ALABAMA. 3 - DOBSON FLY. A COMPLETE LIFE CYCLE REQUIRES ABOUT THREE YEARS. 4 - AN OUTBOARD MOTOR THROTTLE EXTENSION. 5 - DENMARK'S "LITTLE MERMAID" STATUE PERCHED ON A ROCK IN COPENHAGEN.

THE ABC'S OF CATCHING BIG WEAKFISH

Part II

by Doc Grell

If you are using the "meat and potato" method which employs 30 lb. class rods with 30 lb. test line spooled on a Penn 500 or Penn 3/0 it is obvious that the time factor for catching big weaks will be greatly reduced as well as your enjoyment. On the other hand, if you are down by the Sore Thumb or inner Fire Island Inlet, live lining in fast moving currents where the problem of snagging bottom is always present you will probably have no other choice, but to fish with heavy tackle. If you decide to fish in deep holes characterized by fast moving currents then I strongly recommend that you employ a medium sized 30 lb. rod, a Penn 500 or 3/0 with 20 lb. or 30 pound test line. This tackle, although relatively heavy, does give you the advantage of setting the hook when the fish is going west and your boat is traveling east with a fast moving incoming tide. This tackle also allows you to successfully pull up construction cable which you will snag periodically in your fast moving drifts. Don't misunderstand. I am not criticizing heavy tackle. What I am recommending is that you should try fishing for big weaks with light tackle in the areas where you catch your live bunker. It shoule be obvious that if you are up a slow moving tributary stream you certainly do not need to anchor your live bunker with a 3 or 4 ounce drail.



Medium size "Meat and Potato" tackle on left, light tackle on right. This picture shows bunker hooked onto 1½ ounce Jim Bagley Salty Dog Spoon (artificial) with treble hook. Medium size tackle shows Penn 500 with two ounce drail, 5 ft. shock leader and No. 3 treble. Line test here is 20 lb. Ande. Light tackle is Daiwa 1500C reel, Berkeley Parametric 7' rod, 6 lb. test Ande, 12 lb. vinylon shock leader and 1½ ounce Salty Dog Spoon used for catching bunker, casting as well as live lining.

Keeping Bunker Alive

If you are going to fish for big weakfish in areas away from where you snag your bunker you are presented with the problem of keeping your friends alive until the time of execution. Without going into the seaquarium business, by purchasing aerators and carving electric bait wells into your boat, I recommend that you undertake the following.

1. Purchase a 20 or 30 gallon plastic barrel or square container and fill it half-full with water just before you put in your first snagged bunker.

2. When you are snagging bunker put only those bunker into the barrel that are not bleeding profusely. Excessive bleeding from snagged bunker quickly pollutes and deoxygenates your temporary aquarium. If you think that big weakfish prefer slightly bleeding bunker to one that is non-bleeding you can knick your friend just before sending him below on your hook.

3. Don't snag too many bunkers for your aquaria. Placing 20 to 30 live bunkers in your barrel will not only exhaust you in constantly changing the water, but takes too much time from your actual weakfishing. Remember that for the most part you will never catch 20 to 30 large big weakfish with 20 to 30 bunker.

Remember you are racing against time. For maximum fish yield your bunker should be alive. Don't let anybody kid you when they say dead fresh bunker will catch as many weakfish as live bunker. "It just ain't so." On the other hand if your bunker have lost their race with death in your aquarium and you arrive at the Sore Thumb or some other deep hole with paraplegic bunker and curved paralysis setting in you have no other recourse but to cut out their backbone so that the bunker will drift with a motion that reasonably simulates a living condition. However, keep in the back of your mind that you are fishing with a "stiff." At this time of the year big cannibalistic weakfish like live moving bodies.

4. Live-lining weakfish. Do not be too anxious to set the hook on a runoff. Give your fish plenty of time to swallow the bait as you free spool the drifting bait to him. Setting the hook: First stop free spool runoff and quickly in one firm motion bring your rod up over your shoulders or head. Do not drop tip. At the end of this brief interval you will know whether he is on or off. If the fish is gone, drop your bunker back on free spool. If the bunker is gone, reel in and

re-bait. Often in a second drop back you will receive another hit from the same fish. With a large bunker you will get runoff after runoff without hooking a weakfish. When retrieving your bunker you see two fang mouth holes in him you will know that you did not give your friend enough time to swallow the bait. Only practice will improve your skills. Matching the size of the bunker to the size of the weakfish are unknowns in this type of fishing and this adds elements to the excitement. You never know how big the weak is until you see him. You will be amazed at the size of the bunker which large weakfish can swallow.

5. Net your weakfish and do not be in a great hurry to net giant tide runners on light and medium size tackle. Many of these fish will spook at the sight of a boat and landing net, taking off on another run.

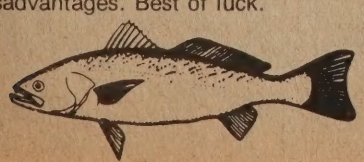
6. In repetitive drifts over designated hotspots make your return drifts around your choice spot instead of over it. Motor noise will spook weakfish. If you want to spoil your fishing just "rev" up your motors and go racing over the area where you recently caught fish.

7. By all means purchase a U.S. Commerce Chart No. 120-SC for your pursuits of bunker and weakfish up local streams and canals. After several trips you will be amazed at the deep water holes that are present. You will also come in contact with the many shallow areas. This is the reason why I recommend a small skiff for these fishing trips. An inexpensive depth recorder is highly desirable unless you want to undertake the "Mark Twain" lead duck weight method of sounding these waters.

8. In tying terminal tackle on light and medium sized rods use improved clinch knots. This type of knot prevents monofilament slippage from treble hooked bunker and artificial lures. Many long battles with giant weakfish extols the virtues of this knot.

9. When you have caught a large weakfish that has swallowed your whole bunker do not attempt to remove the treble hook from gut cavity. Weakfish do have teeth and the two fangs on the roof of their mouth will undoubtedly stab you if you're messing around in his "trap." Cut the leader at his lips and leave the hook inside. This can be gotten later when cleaning the fish. Refasten your line with another treble hooked bunker or artificial spoon.

In conclusion, try both methods of fishing. Each has its advantages and disadvantages. Best of luck.



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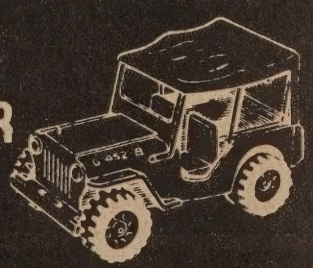

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BACK BAY STRIPERS

by Ron Onorato

While almost all types of striper fishing are now deluged with scores of eager fishermen, there remains an area that is virtually wide open. Perhaps because of the difficulty involved, or because of the lack of publicity given to it, casting and plugging for marsh bank stripers in Long Island's south shore bays is the last underdeveloped striper fishing technique.

My first exposure to the fishing came back in the mid 60's when the school striper population was somewhat more plentiful than it is now. Still, there are enough summer residence fish around to make it worthwhile.

The variables that affect this type of fishing are many, and not to pay attention to all of them will result in poor catches. This is true however, of all types of bass fishing.

The fish that are concerned with this fishing are the migrating schoolies (fish between 4 and 10 pounds in weight) that enter the bays to feed during the late spring, summer, and early fall. These bass set up shop in certain areas and feed there for certain periods and on certain tides. Deep drains, small tide rips, dropoffs, and channel edges are the things to look for, as these are the favorite striper haunts.

There are a certain amount of winter over fish in many of the south shore bays, but the real concentration of fish move into the waters around the second or third week of May. The fish feed actively through the summer, and depending on the nature of the fall weather, will remain through October.

With such a large expanse of waters along the south shore bay region, to the beginner, it seems mind boggling. The question of where to fish often arises. The very first thing you should do is take a look at one of the Coast and Geodetic Charts of the region bounded by East Rockaway Inlet (Debs Inlet) on the West, and Fire Island Inlet to the East. This chart goes into all the bay areas and is a must to familiarize yourself with the area.

Once you have an idea of a certain area, the next step is to take a run with the boat and check it out. This is best done sometime during the off season, so that you don't have to spend too much time searching around when the fishing is hot. The things to look for are deep channels alongside the marshbanks. For instance there is a spot in Reynolds Channel where the water alongside the bank is twelve feet deep at low water. To the other end, the State Channel offers many regions of similiar nature. the coast chart will indicate this if you look carefully.

George Oliver plays school stripers on light tackle.

The tide rips are one of my favorite spots to try, though they are limited in number. The best way to pick them up is to look for them on a strong running tide. They may not always be listed on the charts. For example, in Reynolds Channel right near the Long Beach High School is one of the better producing tide rips around, but it isn't listed on the chart.

There are a great many smaller creeks throughout this region that flow into larger ones. On a falling tide some of these become heavy feeding grounds as the bass line up waiting for the tide to carry food out of the creek. Other things to look for are groups of old piles that once supported the old summer homes. Behind Point Lookout, one particular creek holds several of these structures, and at certain times the bass feed actively amongst the old wooden supports.

These areas are just a tiny example of what to look for, and by no means are the only ones to try. As you get along in this fishing, new areas are constantly arising.

The bass that reside in the creeks and bays feed on a wide variety of food. Spearing and sand eels seem to be the most abundant, and are worked on quite heavily by the bass. These baitfish were in great supply last year after many years of scarcity. Also for the first in several years, schools of baby bunkers were around in good quantities. Other forage includes eels, grass shrimp, minnows, eels and crabs.

The key to locating fish, is locating a good source of bait. You can fish the bassiest waters around, but if there is no bait forget about it. Once you have located a good source of bait, your chances are better for finding fish. The thing here to learn is where the bai shows up and on what tide. Down aroun Tobay and Gilgo pods of spearing show up only during the last hour of the flood and the first of the ebb. To fish here at other times would be a waste of time. By the same token you have areas that only hold bait at periods around the end of the ebb tide. You have to learn what areas hold what types of bait and at what tide stage.

The key feeding times for the bass are usually at dusk, dawn, and during the evening. Seldom will any bass be taken once the sun gets up over the horizon. The only exception to this may be a dark, overcast sky. Out of all the times, the

bass seem to be most active around dawn. If there is going to be any surface activity, it will usually be around this time as the fish feed heavily before the day starts.

Though you can successfully fish bass through the entire evening, I prefer to set my trips up around dawn and dusk. I will fish a certain area so that a favorable tide coincides with either dawn and dusk. For this reason, it pays to have a knowledge of several areas so that you can move around a bit and not be restricted to a single area.

I have mentioned several variables that are all important to the success of this fishing; the one not yet mentioned but without a doubt the most important, is the wind factor. This one variable makes or breaks this fishing. The times of best fishing have always occured when there was virtually no wind. For reasons that elude me, when the wind blows, the fishing just drops dead. In over 10 years of fishing the back, this is about the only unqualified statement that can be made. Regardless of the direction of the wind, if it blows more than 10 miles an hour, it is as though someone shut the door. On those glassy clam days, the baitfish can be seen dimpling on the surface, but as soon as the wind comes up, they apparently go deep and the fish follow them. The only time the wind may be beneficial is during the fall when the fish feed heavily during strong northeast blows.

The tackle selection should be kept on the light side for several reasons. For the most part the fish are school size with only an occasional larger fish. Secondly, the size of the lures you will be using are also on the small side.

The fresh water outfit that would be classified as around 6 or 8 pound range is ample in most cases. You can go to a little heavier baitcasting outfit in the 10 to 12 pound range if you feel that the spinning tackle is too light for you. Either way, no need to go heavier than 12 pound test line.

The amount of lures that you can use with this type of fishing is virtually unlimited. Top water plugs, sub surface swimmers, small tins and spoons, bucktail jigs, and plastic eels can all be used with great success. Despite all these available lures I personally fish just three types of them in the bays. Although they are very productive, the deep water swimmers and the plastic eels seem to pick up pieces of grass and weeds on just about every cast. To be most effective, they have to be worked slowly and at times will be working right on the bottom. This also causes them to be fouled on the bottom growth. I avoid the bucktail jig for pretty much the same reason.

The first and most effective lure on these small bass is the 7/8 ounce top water Danny plug by Lupo on white color. This plug will work right on the surface and will work bass when they are now showing on top. Another plug that will make bass rise when they are not showing is the tiny ½ or ¾ ounce popper by Atom. If there is any drawback with this plug, it is with its very fine wire hooks which have a tendency to straighten and break easily. Other than this, it is very effective when worked properly. Working it properly means giving some life to the plug. The routine retrieve may work sometimes, but can't always be counted on. This holds true for all plugging, you don't just cast and retrieve. You'll speed it up, then slow it down. Make it dart for a few feet and then rest it awhile. The last lure that is used is the tiny ½ ounce floating Rebel in either blue or black back. This is the closest lure that resembles a spearing that the bass so often feed upon. If the bass are showing up on top and after small baitfish, this is the lure to use. It is light and difficult to cast, but the bass sure eat them up. Sometimes small tins such as the half ounce Hopkins are used, but they tend to sink too quickly and a rapid retrieve is a must. This is not all bad however, as sometimes the fish will want a rapid retrieve.

Since the line used to cast with these lures is either 6 or 8 pound in weight, it is best to use a short leader of 12 or 15 pound mono tied ahead of the lure. Tie the leader directly to the lure without the use of any snaps. The leader is then tied to the terminal end of the mono line by means of the bloodknot. Though some use a tiny barrel swivel, it is best to avoid its use.

The bass hooked in these shallow areas often put up quite a spirited fight and they provide quite a thrill on the light tackle. If you are so inclined, you can release any fish that you may not want. Besides, not all fish taken in this manner are keepers. Though the supply of short bass has declined drastically, there are always some around. At times 8 and 10 inch bass have tackled the plugs meant for bigger fish.

One important item that should be brought on every bay outing, is some good insect repellant. This is especially true during the evening when the knats and mosquitoes are very active. In the mornings, you have the big, green horseflies to contend with too.

You have to remember one thing, the water is not deep, and the fish are very easily spooked by engine and other noise. Whenever you approach an area, move in well uptide and drift down with out the motor running. Try to keep noise inside the boat at a minimum too.

That just about wraps it up. In this area of fishing, moreso than the other types, experimenting on your own is the only way to do it. If you know someone who has learned the ropes, then it makes your work that much easier.

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STRIPED BASS: A Gourmet's Delight

by George Linnane

It's not surprising how many people love fresh fish or say they do. It's not surprising how few are willing to clean them and prepare them for the table. Striper fishermen have a chance to prove how wonderful they are by bringing home a FEW bass ready for the pan or oven. While essentially a game fish, **Roccus Saxatilis** is a table delicacy as well. In fact, for fish lovers and diet conscious Americans, when served fresh, they are a gourmet's delight.

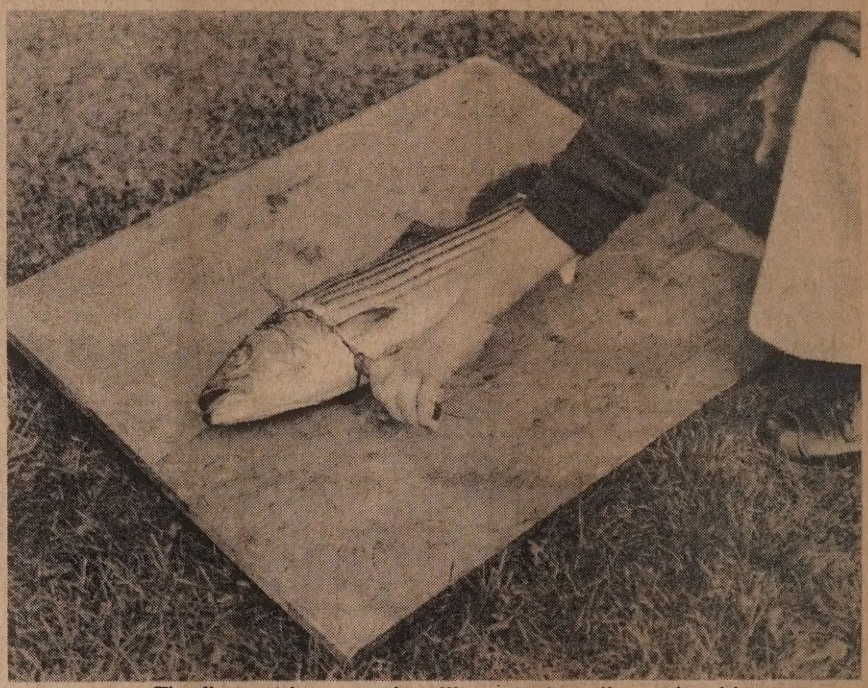
When I say a "few" that's what I mean. The wholesale slaughter of this outstanding game fish is sickening at times. Occasionally, when a school is located, they are caught as fast as possible and tossed up on the beach by the dozens. There they expire and soon deteriorate to inedible carcasses. This great fighter deserves better than that. I hope sport fishermen will remember the fate of the Atlantic salmon who were treated this way. Neither bass nor salmon are inexhaustible resource.

Once a bass or even a bluefish is killed, there's a moral obligation to clean it and prepare it for the table. In addition, it proves the angler is a success and gives him a chance to brag about it backed up by indisputable evidence. Unfortunately, some anglers try to give away dead fish around the neighborhood. My belief is that there carcasses wind up in the garbage cans. Release the bass or blues you can't handle. However, if you bring home a few, here's what to do.

School stripers and blues weighing around ten pounds can be filleted on the beach. You will need a stringer and plastic bag in your gear. The fillets may be placed in the bag and carried out. The gulls, terns, crabs and other sea creatures will consume the remains. Thus, the difficulty of carrying out heavy fish along with tackle and disposing of the remains at home are avoided.

If you're at sea, dump the remains overboard and hungry fish will help the birds, like nature's garbage disposers. You'll be more welcome at home if the catch is ready for the cook. In my case, the wife, who balks at cleaning fish.

In filleting stripers or blues, the first cut with a sharp, six inch, filleting knife is across the gills as the catch lies on its side (see photos.) Then, turn the knife 90 degrees and saw through the flesh, close to the backbone, right to the tail. This



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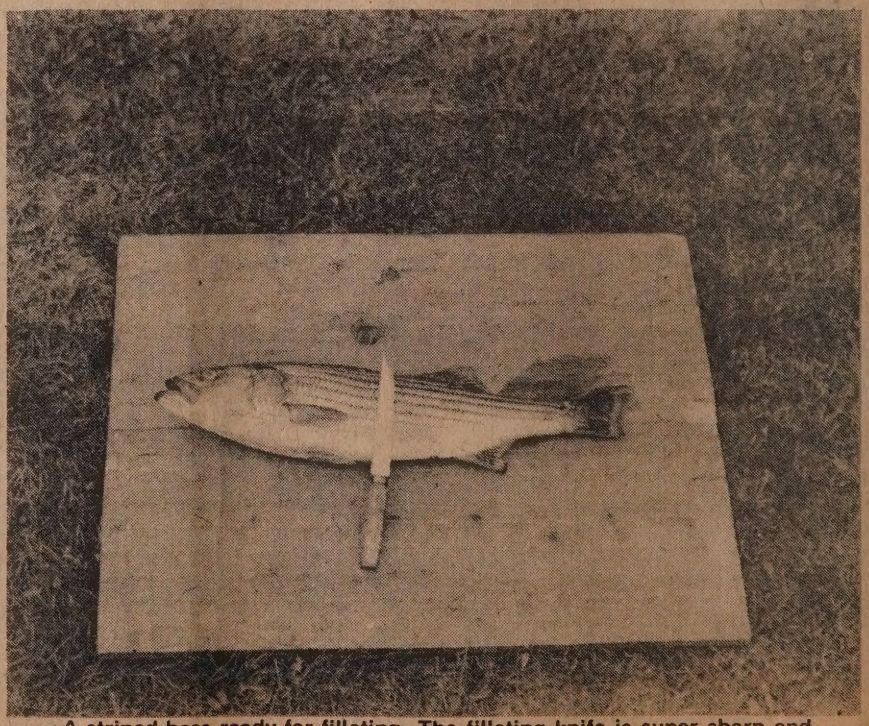


A striped bass ready for filleting. The filleting knife is super sharp and measures six inches in length.

operation gives you fillet number one. Turn over the carcass and repeat the cuts for fillet number two. Skinning may be done at home, if desired. Use a smaller but sharp knife and pliers. Cut the skin off inch by inch and pull it away from the flesh with the pliers. Thus the edible meat has been removed and the head, bones, entrails and tail left to the scavengers who will pick them clean. Very little meat is lost.

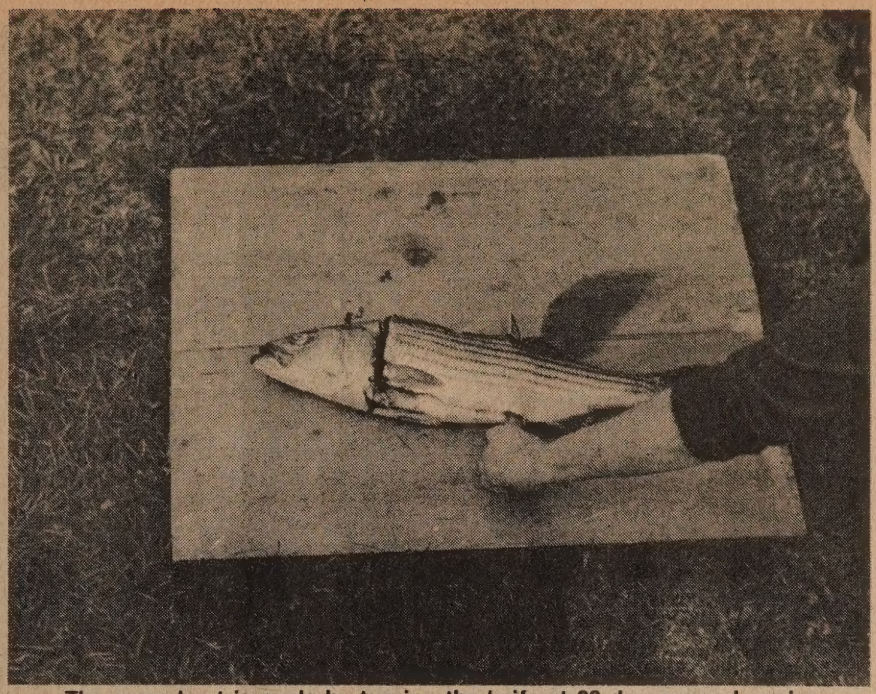
If you want to restore your popularity with the folks after deserting them for fishing, start the charcoal broiler. Wrap the fillets in aluminum foil, punch several holes in it to permit moisture [steam] to escape and cook over the open embers for about 30 minutes. Then remove the foil and brown over the fire. Be ready for compliments because that is a super, gourmet's delight!

If you prefer an oven, place the fillets in a greased pan, add salt, pepper and butter as desired and broil at 550 degrees. The fillets should be two or three inches from the heat. Cook until brown. Turn over and repeat on the other side after brushing with butter.

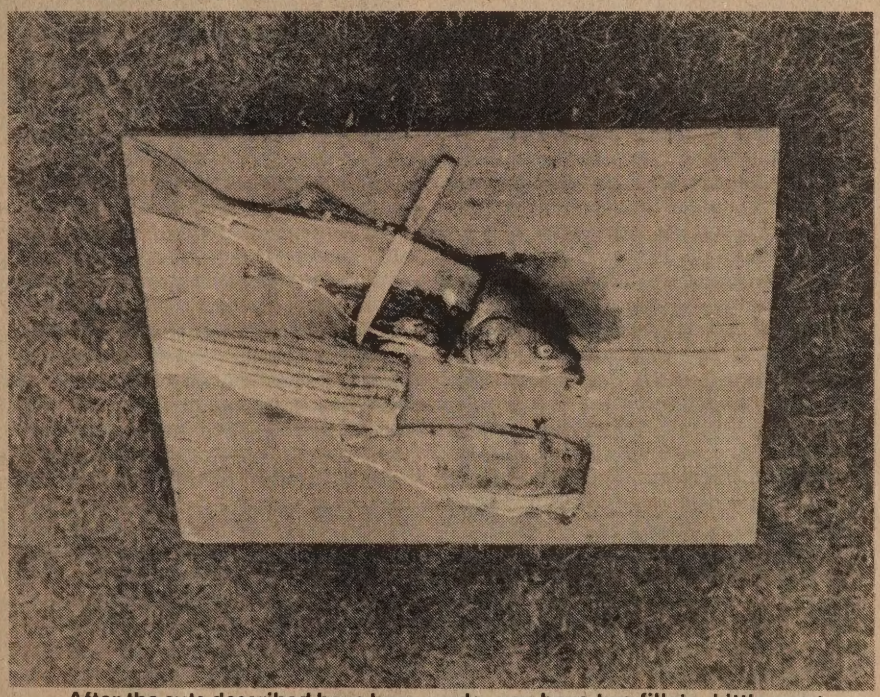
If baking is your bag, garnish the fillets as above. Heat the oven to 350 degrees and bake for 30 minutes or until the fish flakes easily.

Of course, the purposes of sport fishing and meat fishing are vastly different. I cling to the belief that sportsmen are worthy of the name and find their fun in the catching, not the killing. However, when a few fish are brought home for the table, at least they are not wasted.

During the summer of '76, unsafe amounts of the pesticide Kepone have been detected in bluefish caught in Chesapeake Bay. Kepone, a roach and ant poison, infected workers at a Hopewell, VA pesticide plant and seeped into the James River and the Bay. Blues and striped bass from that region eventually reach the waters around Long Island and New England. However, there is no report of any danger to consumers of seafood at present. When and if Kepone level exceeds the one-tenth of one part per million safety standard (0.1 ppm), health officials will inform the public.



The second cut is made by turning the knife at 90 degrees and sawing close to the back bone to the tail.



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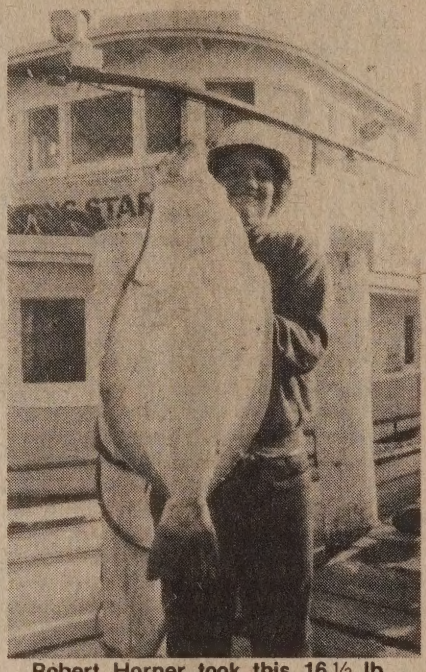
MONTAUK REPORT

by Scott Simons

The fantastic fluke fishing remains as the Star Attraction at Montauk, with unbelievable numbers of doormats in virtually every catch. Six and eight pounders are common, tens and twelves not unusual and severl 15 and over coming in almost daily. Fish are still in strong at the North Rips and Midway, but action is concentrating more and more on the south side of the Point. This is the time for big baits—large smelt, snappers, whole squid and large strip baits. Porgies and seabass are still fantastic, all you want right around the Point. Bass fishing none to poor with the exception of those that specialize in night fishing. Bluefishing still excellent during the day but fish are still moving around and you have to find them. Night blues with bait now excellent and very consistent. Offshore fishing still holding up with good shark fishing, particularly large blue sharks. Some bass being taken from the surf, small blues and weakfish right under the Light.

Captain Richard Rade of the **Marlin III** told me that the porgy fishing has been "absolutely fantastic" right around the Point with anglers averaging 75 to 100 fish a man. Fish are mixed sizes with many humpbacks and quite a few nice seabass thrown in. Night bluefishing is also excellent, with over 200 of the big monster montauk variety taken Sunday night alone.



Robert Horner took this 16½ lb. fluke while fishing aboard the Viking Starlite out of Montauk.

Yound Ms. DeMaio stands guard over Daddy's fish—a recent catch of striped bass and bluefish made recently by her father, Captain John DeMaio of the Vivienne, on diamond jigs.

Captain Buddy Dorman of the **Viking Skipper II** also reported that the porgy action has been super excellent all week with plenty of happy anglers aboard. Most of the fish are the medium to jumbo size, and on Saturday the high-hook was 104 fish. On Sunday, high-hook was 122 fish despite the high winds. Rolly Rani of Manhatten took high-hook honors on Sunday.

Captain **John DeMaio** of the "Vivienne" gave us one of the few reports of striped bass. On Sunday morning the charter trolled up two bass up to 29 pounds and the afternoon party had four up to 30 pounds along with two weakfish. On the morning trip six blues and eight large fluke were also taken. During the week John said that he had a party of four out one day that took over 200 pounds of fluke fishing in the Rips at Midway.

"The most fantastic fluke fishing anyone's ever seen" is the word from Captain John Sweetman of the charterboat **Ebb Tide**. John reported taking many, many doormats in the 6 to 10 lb. range during the week and had fish up to 14 pounds 9 ounces. Large fish predominate in the catches made on the south side, but there is more quantity in the North and Midway Rips and plenty of doormats around the change of the tide when the water slows down a little. Fluke belly and sand eels for bait. John said that this last week there seems to be more sharks than ever offshore since the hurricane put a damper on the fishing.

Captain Paul Forsberg of the **Viking Star** reported that the codfishing at Coxes Ledge slowed up a little on the weekend with catches only rating as fair for some unknown reason, but it is expected to pick up again during the week. The fluke fishing is still very, very good with doormats up to 16½ pounds being taken on the half-day trips still being run by the **Viking Starlite.** Many doormats in the 8 and 10 lb. class are being taken daily. Bluefishing at night off Block Island is now fantastic and consistent. On Saturday night over 1000 fish were taken by 60 people and they all were in the teens and up to 20 pounds.

Captain Ed Hegner of the **Captain Spider** fame is now chartering with the charterboat **Web** and doing a job on the present run of doormats and bluefish. On Sunday, the charterboat loaded up with small bluefish and weakfish trolling right in front of the Light and North Bar.

Captain Howie Carroll of the **Jigger III** confirmed the fantastic doormat fluke being taken and had a couple during the week to prove it. On Thursday the pool was taken with a 19 lb. 12 oz. fish and on Saturday it was copped with a doormat of 17 pounds even. Best area for the large fish is on the south side.

Henry Colombi at the **Star Island Yacht Club** reported great fluking, bluefishing, and sharking in that order. On Wednesday the "Entertainer" had 6 blue sharks, releasing 5 and weighing one of 295 pounds in at the marina to move into first place in the Yacht Club's contest. On Saturday the "Bumblebee"

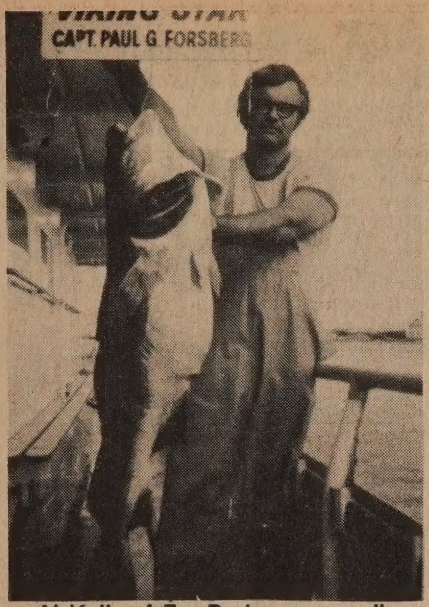
These are a few of the monster blues caught on the "Free Spirit". The blues were taken at the Cartwright grounds on herring bait.

took 60 fluke with many doormats mixed in, and on Sunday the Captain made an offshore trip and took 4 blue sharks up to 285 pounds. The "Hi-lee" took 50 fluke up to 10 pounds fishing the North Rips and the south side. Burt Rockfield on the "Serenity II" took 50 blues trolling at the Pocketbook and on the south side of the Point. Captain Dave McMahon of the "Marie II" trolled 75 bluefish on Saturday, and the "My-Rose" took 60 bluefish. The "Miss Behave" took 4 blue sharks up to 175 pounds on Saturday. The "Friendship II" is still making those fantastic catches of fluke with fish up to 14 pounds and many doormats per trip. Seabass and porgies are still excellent on the south side of the Point and in front of the Point itself.

Captain George McTurck of the charterboat **Sportfisher** reports that the bluefishing is still good with a large body of fish now as close by as the Pocketbook Grounds. Trolling there on Saturday morning produced 83 big blues and 26 were taken on the afternoon trip. Bass fishing has been extremely slow during the day and no body is really trying for them as a result.

Captain Frank Maccaro of the charterboat **Free Spirit** trolled four false albacore on feathers on Saturday. He made up large strip baits from these and

Don Vradenburgh with a 371 lb. dusky shark he caught aboard the charterboat "Montauk".



Al Kelly of Far Rockaway proudly displays his 53 lb. cod that took the pool aboard the Viking Star 9/4/76.

went on to catch a 135 lb. brown shark immediately. Soon thereafter an estimated 3 to 400 pound mako took a bait and all four men on the charter took turns, but the beast finally snagged the wire leader in the boats trim tab, breaking same and gaining his freedom. Frank intends to sue the shark for damages to the boat. Shortly thereafter a 245 lb. blueshark was hung. Frank asked us to announce that due to a sudden cancellation, he has this coming Saturday and Sunday open for charters. Lots of bait and lots of fish out there.

Captain Ed "Spider" Hegner of the charterboat **Web** has been doing continually well on big fluke at the Midway rips off Montauk Point. Big sea bass of the humpback variety are also coming in. Fluke are averaging 3½ pounds and plenty of doormats also.

SOUTH SHORE Fishing Report

PROMISED LAND

Art Brandt at the **Promised Land Fishing Station** reports good porgy fishing at Gardiners. Catches of a bushel or more have been taken from this area and has gotten stronger since Thursday. A few sea bass and blacks are mixed with these fish. Fluke fishing at Cartwright remains good.

EAST HAMPTON

Cedar Point has good porgy fishing according to **Three Mile Harbor Fishing Station**. Quite a few fish to 2 lbs. with good catches of most all you want. A few weaks are mixed with the porgies. Lion Head Rock continues to produce black fish for those anglers going for them.

SAG HARBOR

Noyac Marina reports that there are weaks and humpback porgies to be had by those anglers that get out before the wind comes up. On Thursday Barbara's father picked up 8 nice weaks. Another catch of 8 weaks was taken on Saturday.

SHINNECOCK

Bonita and albacore were taken off shore in 100 to 130 feet of water reports **Altenkirch's Tackle**. Fluke have picked up in Shinnecock BAy and some blues are about a mile off shore. Snappers are really good in the canal. Blackfishing is picking up in the Peconic as shown by **Captain Clark's.** These blacks are being

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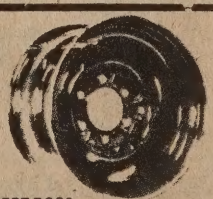
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taken while porgy and weakfishing.

The **Captain Clark Boats** report that the weakfish have begun to move out of the area and the porgy fishing is slowing up, but the blackfishing has been excellent and will be improving from here on out. Wednesday and Friday were spent blackfishing on the local wrecks, and Carl Vitteli of the Bronx took the pool with an 8½ lb. fish on Friday. Over 50 fish were taken then for only a few anglers, and fifteen of the blacks were real bulldogs of over 5 pounds. Fishing on Saturday and Sunday was offshore on the artificial reef and the sea bass fishing was fantastic. Over 4000 sea bass were taken over the two days, many 1d½ to 2 pounds with some large porgies mixed in.

HAMPTON BAYS

Tony's Fishing Station reports flounder fishing is just starting. You must get past the blowfish and seabass which are small. There are some keepers in the seabass. Plenty of snappers to be had al over. In the East Channel and the inlet, fluke catches of 6 to 12 per boat has been had.

Corr's Marinas Cove Fishing Station reports good catches of fluke with 10 to 15 keepers in the East Channel area on the rising tide. Coast Guard Sation is best on fallen tide. Use shiners, smelts or live killies with squid. Shinnecock Inlet has good sized sea bass and also in front of the station using skimmers or worms. Flounders are just starting and are mostly for the sharpies.

MORICHES BAY

Skidmore's Fishing Station reports a good pickup on weak fish while flounder or seabass fishing. This action was East of Buoy 42. Some blows of 8 to 9 inches were also taken. Fluke fishing is still good and most sizes are mixed. On the outside the private boats trolled some big 8 pound plus blues over the weekend.

L & M Marine reports a mixed bag of slow fishing. Fluke fishing is your best bet but flounders and porgy fishing are picking up. Flounders are only for the knowledeable fishermen. Crabbing remains good.

MASTIC BEACH

Stiriz's Fishing Station reports lots of crabs at buoy 17 and Patasqush Island and a lot of porgies, sea bass and blowfish, particularly at buoy 17 and 19, on clam and squid on the bottom. A few flounder are starting to hit also. Some small weaks from 1 to 1½ pounds are hitting squid on the bottom. Snappers are being taken on both top and bottom with spearing. Fluke are being taken at the inlet and lots of blues and some albies are being trolled outside in 90 feet of water with 400 feet of wire. Fred Wedley had 3 albacore between 20 and 30 pounds and several 10 to 12 lb. blues, and there is good solid fall action.

SAYVILLE

Young's Fishing Station tells us that Pete Genna, Willo Soto Nick Nachia of the Waterside Con Ed Station bagged 125 fish consisting of weakfish to four pounds, sea bass, kings, porgies, and 36 blowfish, all at buoys 22 and 24 on squid and worms, worms best. This was on Friday. All of Young's skiffs came back with good mixed bags.

WEST SAYVILLE

Marty at **South Bay Fishing Station** reports big blowfish have invaded the bay and the blowfish activity is really great. Anglers Chris, Gus and Don had 75 on Sunday along with 30 porgies, 15 weakfish, seabass and eels, all taken around buoy 28 on squid and spearing. Very few fluke right now and lots of throwbacks. Loads of crabs and snappers.

Al Kaich and George Finlayson with 37 blues of 6-10 lbs. taken in 80 ft. of water south of the lighthouse. Subscriber Club Photo.

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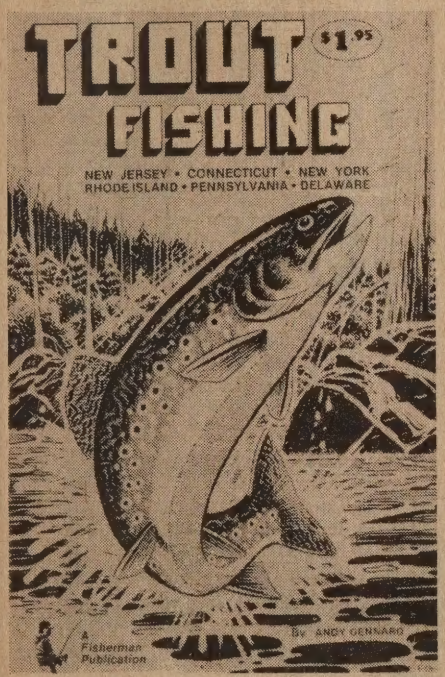

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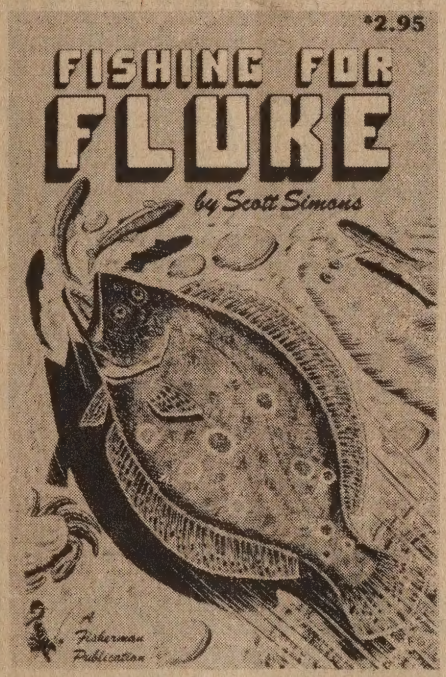

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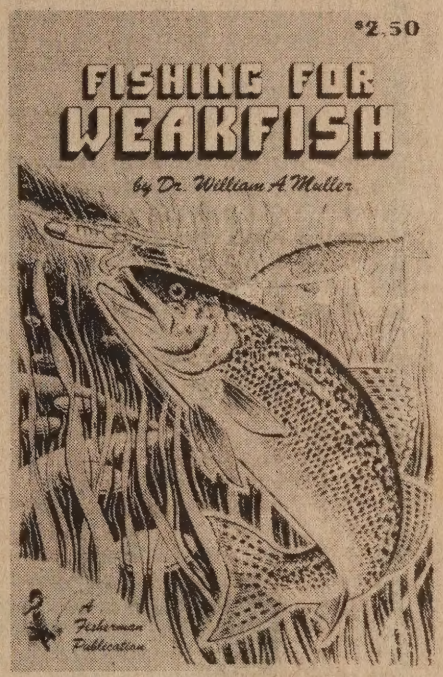

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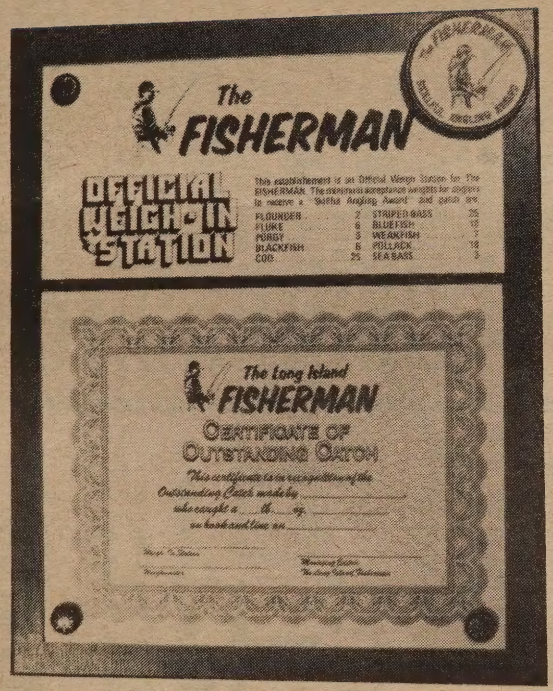

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Karl Seitz of Lynbrook with 2 of 12 fluke taken aboard the Lady Ann.

OAKDALE

Howie's Fishing Station reports that Gino and Bob Anbrosini and Bob Landrau of the Bronx took a large mixed bag of blows, weaks, sea bass and porgies between buoys 4 and 5 Saturday, on incoming on squid baits. Angler Don and wife Eileen also took a big mixed bag of 27 blowfish, 38 porgies, 11 medium sized weakfish and 1 king in just 3½ hours on clam baits on incoming water. Excellent fall mixed bags.

OAK BEACH

The Store informs us that John Persico had a 13 lb. blue on Friday at Point Democrat on bunker chunks from the beach plus a 21 lb. 13 oz. striper also on bunker chunk at the top of the flood. Sharpshooter Marty Gensler had 10 schoolie bass to 4 pounds on Sunday on clam chum in the lead at Gilgo/State Channel. The fluking in Fire Island Inlet is holding. Porgies and blackfish are taking appropriate baits in front of **The Store**. Some blows have been taken in crab traps. Snappers are all over the place as are sand porgies. A lot of mullet has been thrown onto the beaches so stripers should be around soon in numbers.

BAY SHORE

Smokey's Bait and Tackle reports bonita and albacore in 80 feet of water at the pipeline. Kismet Reef is producing blackfish on fiddlers. Seabass and kingfish are being taken on squid and clam at Kismet Reef as are stripers on eels. There are weakfish throughout the bay being taken by knowledgeable anglers on snappers and sandworms on hi-lo rigs. An 8 pound weak took a popper at gilgo this weekend. Crabbing has been very good just about anywhere off Bayshore. Fluke are holding up with a good percentage of keepers falling to spearing and squid.

CAPTREE

The Lady Ann reports very good fishing for just about everything right now. On Friday, Captain Neil reports that they had over 200 keeper fluke, 137 keeper fluke on Saturday and Sunday saw 185 sea bass and 104 keeper fluke, over the rail. Sea bass are best on the Outer Reef with fluke taken on the Inside from the bridge south. Fluking is best on the last of the flood and the first of incoming. Friday through Sunday has seen good bluefishing south of Point-O-Woods in 80 feet of water, at Cholera, Three Sisters, and Seabright. Fish were chummed and baited.

The **Speedy VI** did very well on bluefish, at the latter part of the week concentrating mainly at Cholera and the Three Sisters Area.

Charterboat **Captain Eddie B** is now booking cod and flounder charters, and Eddie requests you book soon as dates are filling up fast.

The Captree Queen reports that the fluke is still holding to the tune of 5 to 6 keepers per man, which is about right for this time of the year. Fish are running up to 4 pounds and is best with spearing and sand eels from the inlet bridge to the mouth of the inlet.

Captain Bob Joseph running the **Captain Joseph IV** reports fantastic and super great sea bass and porgy fishing that he is doing now on nearby outside grounds. The sea bass are running up to 2¾ pounds. Big porgies are coming over the side with a few big fluke and blacks mixed in. Bob reports that this is the

David and Ricky Shafrauek, Robert and John Lorenzo and Mike Micheliui with 5 of 8 fluke taken at the Robert Moses Bridge on squid and sand eel combos. Photo courtesy of Wet-A-Line Bait and Tackle.

best fall fishing in many a year, with some fares taking home over 100 fish. Now is the time to get in on this dynamite action. The rest of the Joseph Fleet is still staying with fluke as they are continuing to provide good catches.

Captain George Tweedy of the **Captain Scotty** told us that he has been fishing the Fire Island Artificial Reef with excellent results on seabass, porgies and fluke. The seabass are providing the most action with anglers averaging up to 30 and 40 fish per man, with some real "humpbacks" up to 3½ lbs. being taken. Large fluke and porgies up to 2½ lbs. are mixed in with the seabass.

The **Captain Richie** has been concentrating on the excellent run of fluke that is best in memory and has yet to slow down. Fishing in the Fire Island inlet and around the Robert Moses Bridge, anglers are taking 6 to 8 keepers per man ranging up to 7 lbs. Best action has been around the change of the tide when the water clarity is good.

BABYLON

Mario at **Hi-Hook Fishing Station** had 9 boats out on Sunday and 6 on Saturday, and all did a good job on mixed bags of porgies, sea bass, fluke and small weaks mainly off the East/West Channel. The weaks ran from 1 to 1½ pounds and the porgies were in quantities. Gene Vallanti and daughters Georgiana and Dianna harested 95 sand porgies from ¾ to 1 pound on squid and clam. Anglers Ralph and Joe had 85 blacks at the Kismet Reef on Sunday using fiddler crabs. The blacks ran up to 2½ pounds. Sam and Al took 35 fluke on Saturday using sand eels and squid. Snappers are all over the place with crabs slowing a bit. Four to five blowfish per boat are a safe average. A real variety now. Big kingfish and some sea porgies too are being taken from the lighthouse to the wreck.

Charlie's Fishing Station reports good mixed bags of fluke, sea bass, porgies and crabs mainly from the East/West Channel vicinity.

Joer Kessner called to tell us that Roland Ayasse of the Squaw Island Fishing Club fished with him on his boat over the weekend and took an 8½ lb. blackfish that may have copped first place in the Great South Bay Tournament. They also had 35 other blackfish fishing around the bridge pilings.

LINDENHURST

Charlie's Bait and Tackle reports that the Babylon Tuna Club's Great South Bay Fishing Tournament saw lots and lots of boats participating with loads of blackfish being caught. Doc Grell apparently won the bluefish, striped bass and weakfish categories, and possibly the flounder category. John says there are

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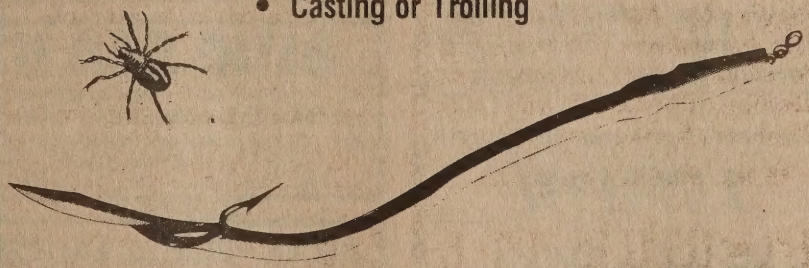

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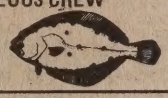

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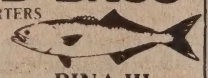

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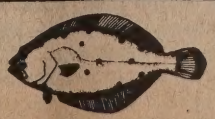

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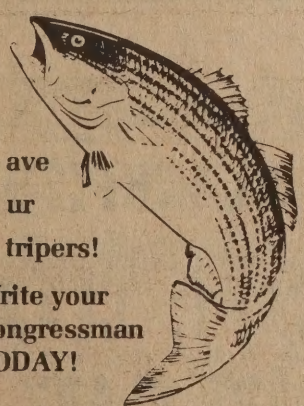

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still a good number of fluke around. Vinny Romano took 2 six pound bonita in 80 feet of water on the BTC boat "Net Job." Lots of snappers and crabs still obliging. Very few weakfish were hauled just about 22 in the contest. The bridges and reef are yielding blackfish on fiddlers. BTC member Joe Catone snagged a 9 pound 6 ounce fluke over the weekend. John has heard of a bass blitz on Saturday off a South Shore beach on live eels, but nothing pinned down.

Captain Tom of the **Sea Horse** reports lots of porgies being taken by his passengers up to 2 pounds, but a LOT of porgies. Some fluke mixed in. This is being done on local wrecks. On Saturday there was a mixed bag for one angler of 3 weakfish, 10 fluke, 5 kingfish, 100 blows and loads of porgies and sea bass. Correction, this was for the boat. Excellent mixed bags right now. Small blackfish to 2 pounds are also being pulled.

COPIAGUE

Jonas Bait and Tackle says fluke is continuing in Fire Island Inlet, the State Channel and Amityville Cut on killies, sand eels and squid. Flounders are picking up at Copiague Beach and in the bay. Weakfish at the Hole off the Lighthouse on squid and snappers, with 6 to 8 lb. class fish being pulled. Blackfishing is increasing in size and quantity. Lots of blowfish in the bays along with sea bass and porgies too. Lots of blue claw crabs and snappers, amounting to a good fall mixed bag.

AMITYVILLE

George Combs Bait and Tackle reports fluking still pretty good at West Island, Snake Hill Channel and Squaw Island on live killies and sandeels. Chuck Tekula and Paul Weinrich took 48 porgies, 6 fluke and a 9 pound 6 ounce weakfish at Gilgo off the State Channel on squid, killies and live snapper. On Sunday, George weighed in 4 weakfish from 9¾ to 11 pounds 3 ounces taken from the Sore Thumb on small baby bunker. Blackfish at the Wantagh Bridges on fiddlers and green crabs.

MASSAPEQUA

Bill at **Massapequa Tackle** reports good bottom fishing on clam and worm for porgies and sea bass at the hole off Harbor Green and at Four Corners. Flounder catches are increasing every day. Blackfishing at the Tea wreck, the bridges and Kismet Reef with fiddler crabs as a good bet. Bonita and blues are being trolled in 70 feet of water due south of the tower and are taking cedar plugs. Some weakfish at the Sore Thumb and live snappers are abundant.

SEAFORD

Captain Jim Clarke of the charterboat **Hussler** had 6 men set for blues on Saturday, but switched them over to fluke as the blues were not in the vicinity. They nailed 6 per man fishing Jones Inlet along with a few seabass using sandeels and squid.

Al at **Captain Eddie's Fishing Station** reports fluking holding well west of the drawbridge on killies and squid, with weakfish hitting live snappers in the area of the bridge. Very good porgy catches off the Massapequa Tennis Courts with a few big fish but mostly the ½ pound variety.

Salice Boat Basin reports plenty of weaks at the 3rd bridge up to 9 pounds 14 ounces on small live snappers. Flounder have started with clam and worm baits with 36 flatties taken in 1 skiff off Massapequa. The fluking is still good on killies and squid at Four Corners and the bridge areas. Lots of sand porgies and snappers all over the place.

Shown here is part of the catch of giant cod and pollack aboard the "Viking Star".

N.Y. BIGHT Fishing Report

FREEPORT

Bluefin II reports fluking on Saturday was excellent, with conditions being just right at Jones Inlet at the high and the beginning of the ebb and with smelts for bait, 13 people on the charter accounted for any where between 170 and 200 keeper fluke. This was a US Trust Company charter. Kevin Laverty of Staten Island had 25 keepers and also took the pool. On Sunday, Captain Sy fluked again but with boat traffic being pure murder in the inlet, there was less action on the fish, but still good catches. The fish are running from 15 to 17 inches. The charterboat **Bluefin** across the canal, being run by Capt. Lou Sullivan has been doing a steady job on the fluke both weekdays and on the weekends.

Captain Richie on the **Starstream II** happily reported very good sea bass and porgy catches for virtually all of his fares all week and weekend, along with some big blackfish coming in too. An occasional fluke is pulled in as well, really interesting fishing. "There is something coming up all day long," said Richie. This is good fall mixed bag fishing and Richie expect it to continue right through to the cold and the cod.

The **Captain Al** reports that they loaded up with sea bass up to 4 pounds over the weekend and additional catches of porgies and blackfish and ling, filled out heavy mixed bags. The charterboat **Captain II** has been jigging blues in the morning at Scotland Light and chumming and jigging in the afternoons at various points off Jersey and the NY Bight with good catches. The **Captain II** is sailing as an open boat for blues Mondays through Fridays.

Dockmaster Bob Kay of the **Freeport Boatman's Association** says that the association boats that went for blues had some catches of these beasts on Sunday but had to fill out their catches with sea bass and fluke coming home. Some of these boats are chumming local bluefish with some degree of success. Captain Wayne King on the **Captain Joe** fished Cholera on Sunday on the bottom and kept them flying. Some of the boats have trolled albacore and bonita offshore.

Frank's Fishing Station and Marina reports good fluking in Jones Inlet to the tune of about 7 per boat average. Steve Alonge took a 3 pound 6 ounce fluke. This was on killies and squid. Blackfish, stripers and weakfish at the Meadowbrook Bridge are being suduced on clam chum and bellies on the hook. Flounders have started on bloodworms at Rowboat Alley off Waleneck Point.

Hook-Line and Sinker Bait and Tackle reports fluke very good in Jones Inlet on smelts and squid. Very good porgy fishing in the bay and ocean on sandworms. Mullet at the beaches and albacore offshore along with bass. It looks good for stripers for the coming weeks and the fall as there is a lot of bunker inside and outside and the mullet situation is strong.

LONG BEACH

Captain John Glasser of the charterboat **Skipper** had two good days bluefishing. On Saturday he took out the Long Beach Sports Marina Softball Team headed by Bernie Haag. John took the 10 members off shore of Sea Bright. They took over 100 blues of 8 to 12 lbs. using chum and bait in 65 feet of water. On Sunday a 1 man charter for Marty Rosenberg who caught 50 blues of 4 to 6 lbs. with one of 10 lbs. John and his mate also fished. These blues were taken inside of the S R Can.

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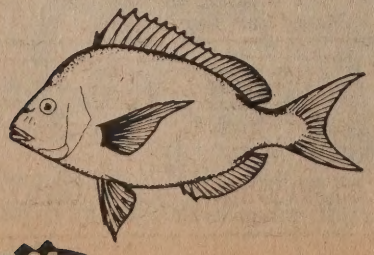

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Seth Fox, Carl Ianno, Jose Vigo and Ray toglia with their catch of tuna, albacore, and bonita at the BA buoy aboard the Sea Bee. Subscriber Club Photo.

POINT LOOKOUT

Ed's Fishing Station reports fluking wasn't bad at all especially on the flats. There were two exceptionally good catches there, one of 42 keepers and another of 27. Reynolds Channel between 16 and 18 also has fluke most are keepers. Sea bass fishing is terrific in the inlet or at Meadowbrook Bridge as well as Reynolds Channel. There are plenty of snappers for little and big kids. At Jones Beach Parking Lot 1 and at the Meadowbrook Bridge the blackfishing was good. Meadowbrook Bridge produced a mixed bag with the blacks of some weaks.

ISLAND PARK

Beckman's Tackle in Lynnbrook reports excellent fluke fishing in Jones inlet using smelts. Fluke are also in the bay but in smaller sizes and quantities. Snappers and crabbing are still excellent. Striped bass fishing seems to be on the upsurge as quite a few were taken at all the surf areas from Atlantic Beach through Point Lookout to Fire Island. These fish range from 10 to 30 lbs. and were taken by plugging during the day and live eels at night. Blackfish in good numbers and fair sizes are being taken from under the bridges and rocky areas.

ATLANTIC BEACH

Captain Ronnie Lepper of the **Kim** and the Atlantic Beach Charter and Guide Boat Fleet reports that boats have been doing good on albacore this week, 12 to 14 lb. fish between Seabright and Klondike. Decent fish are being taken from between Jones Tower and Gilgo on bunker chunks, and these are 30 and 40 lb. class stripers. Fluking seems to be holding well all over. Ron has HEARD of big tuna over the radio, taken at the Mudhole. Blues over the weekend up to 16 pounds being trolled, jigged and chummed from Highlands and Seabright locals. Ron says that Sheepshead Bay's **Betty W** did a leap job this week on albies and blues.

JAMAICA BAY

Noehren's Fishing Station reports fishermen doing very well on porgies and lafayettes at the North Channel Bridge. Blues of 1½ to 4 lbs. have been chasing bunker and are being taken on same. Crabbing is also good in and around the North Channel Bridge area. Marine Parkway Bridge has fluke fishing along with some weaks. Snappers are now good sized and are in most areas.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

The Amberjack IV reports very good bluefishing days and from fair to good at night fishing Seabright and New Grounds. Fish are coming in anywhere from 2 to 10 pounds, and catches are much, much improved over what they were only a couple of weeks ago. The **Amberjack** will be making a tile fish trip on September 18th, sailing at 9 P.M. and returning the next day at about 6 P.M. The fare is $40 and reservations are needed. On September 26th at 10 P.M. the **Amberjack IV** will take off on another of its famous four-day exploratory wreck trips for big cod and pollack. Reservations are a must for this super trip.

The **Dorothy B** reports fantastic blackfish action on Saturday and Sunday, with fish up to 10 pounds taken at Seabright. These are excellent, big catches with fiddlers and green crabs working best. The average fish is 3 pounds and customers are filling sacks. Very, very good fishing, reports Captain Kevin, and even beginners are loading up. Seabass are mixed in here. Just like old times for the blackfish, reports the happy skipper.

Captain Butch on the **Zephyr** tells us of very good sea bass fishing at Seabright along with blackfish up to 8 pounds along with a healthy sprinkling of porgies. Seabass are holding very well and on Thursday one was weighed on an accurate scale at 3 lbs. 4 oz.

Captain Tom on the **Pilot** according to his Dad, is doing a leap job on porgies, blacks and sea bass off the Jersey coast.

The **Eagle** reports that its fluke derby

Bob Howard and friends with their catch after a day of fishing aboard the "Pina III". The catch consisted of 15 blues and 7 weaks.

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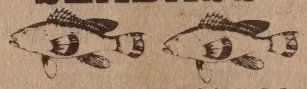
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went to fish in the 9 pound, 7 pound and 6 pound category, though the names of the winners were not available when we called. On Sunday they still had lots of fluke coming over the rails in the 5 and 6 pound category. A 6¼ pounder took the pool on Sunday. Captain Larry Krim asked us to call your attention to his 4:15 P.M. trips for fluke and sea bass, an excellent way to end the day.

Ray on the **Helen H** reports that they have been fishing Seabright with bait and jigs and taking bluefish anywhere from 1 to 8 pounds, size depending on weather, tides, general conditions, etc. They are fishing from the channels to Shark River mainly with bait in the morning and jigs the rest of the day. Loads of small boats on Sunday really put the fish down. Bluefishing has very much improved says Ray, and says we're in for some hot bluefish action. Some bonita and albacore can also be had offshore if conditions are right using chum and bait.

Captain Harold Wrege of the 10 A.M. open boat **Chief** has been fishing the south side of Ambrose and doing a continuing good job o fluke up to 3 pounds. Harold says they are schooling and coming out of the bays now and spearing is working very well.

The openboat **Blue Sea II** is now doing well chumming bluefish on a steady basis off Jersey with fish 8 to 10 pounds on Saturday. On Tuesday big weakfish were hauled in along with blues. Bonita and albacore came in with the blues on Saturday.

The open boat **Flamingo II** reports good catches of bonita and albacore, small blues and monster blues. Captain Walter says you're into a different school of different fish every day, depending on what's in the area. There are consistently good catches every day. On Sunday one angler took 51 bluefish from 1½ to 3 pounds. Whatever presents itself for the day is caught in good numbers says Walter. For five days last week bonita and albacore were prime targets on chum. On Saturday, jigged blues in the morning and chummed blues, monster variety, were the order of the day in the afternoon. This is strong fall fishing with variety and quantity. There were some catches of 12 to 15 weaks per man. A couple of hundred fish were on the boat on Sunday.

The **Elsie K III** reports excellent fluking Friday through Sunday, from 12 to 20 keeper fluke per man. This is all off the Jersey coast on smelts and spearing. The fish seem to be schooling to move out so hurry down if you want your share of fillets. Captain Joe expects the fluke to be here until October.

Sal at **Stella Maris Fishing Station** reports that bonita and albacore were taken at the Klondike. These fish went to 8 lbs. The Jersey shore also saw some good bluefishing using bait. These went about 4 to 7 lbs. Sea Bright and at the elbow there is very good blackfishing and they are of good size. Fluke fishing is getting fewer but bigger at Ambrose or at Sandy Hook. Snappers, porgies and lafayettes are still being taken in most of the bay area.

According to **Salvo's Bait & Tackle** the snappers, porgies and lafayettes are in abundance from the Coney Island to 69th St. pier along the bulk heads. Off shore from this area fluke fishermen in boats are doing pretty well. At Hoffman Island and Norton's Point boat fishermen are hitting good numbers of striped bass using umbrella rigs, bucktails and worms. A mixed catch of blues and weaks have been taken at Norton's Point. These are being trolled mostly using umbrella rigs or spoons. Weakfish have been no less than 7 lbs. with some going for 10 lbs. The bluefish have been tackle busters of 15 to 20 lbs.

Nicky on the **Pina III** reports they had good bluefishing on the black side of Ambrose. These fish ran from 2 lbs. on up. At Norton's Point some striped bass of 4 to 5 lbs. were taken. Both of these species were trolled on surge tubes.

STATEN ISLAND

Santos Sport Shop reports lot of school bass at Penny Beach on up to Jersey St. Most of these were shorts taken on worms. South Beach has blue fish of 9 to 12 lbs. that are being taken at night on bait only. This is no blitz and the blues are best caught one hour before and after low tide. These fish can also be taken at sunup using poppers or swimmers. Great Kills Park Beach has blues of 2 to 4 lbs. taken on cut bait. Day time sees plenty of porgies and lafayettes with some fluke being caught from the rock jetty. In this area crabbers are doing good using either pots or scoop nets. Princess Bay fluke fishing during the day has been pretty good for fish of 1½ to 3 lbs. but this may be the slowing down. For the boat fishermen, big blues of 9 to 15 lbs. have been taken at the Middle Grounds off mt. Loretta. These are hitting either umbrella rigs or tubes. Annadale has smaller fish of 2 to 4 lbs. using the same rigs. The Verranzano Bridge has big blues along with a few weaks being taken by jigs or trolling.

Jim Stewart took this 38½ pound bass fishing Eatons Neck. Subscriber Club Photo.

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NORTH SHORE Fishing Report

GREENPORT

Dave on the **Pooka V** reports porgy fishing is very good in the usual spot. These are humpback and they go 2 lbs. and better. Night fishing for striped bass is picking up and due to popular demand Dave will run for them as an open boat on Wednesday and Friday evenings.

Brand X reports they are now catching bluefish in Plum Gut.

White's Bait Shop reports bluefishing is picking up in the Gut and Race. Excellent porgy fishing along with sea bass at Gull Island. Constellation and Old Silas Rock along with Green Hills also has good porgy fishing. The Plum Gut has seen some good striped bass fishing these past few days. The surf fishermen have also gotten their share of bass fishing the Sound from East Marion to the Point. Some weakfish are still being taken at the Greenport Jetty.

Richard Bellows and Greg Brand with their catch of 67 porgies and a 3 lb. 4 oz. triggerfish taken on clam bait. Photo courtesy of Promised Land Fishing Station.

SOUTHOLD

Port of Egypt Fishing Station reports their Orient Point Station was blown out over the weekend. During the week there were good catches of 3 to 7 lb. blackfish. Porgies are still around and are 1 to 1¼ lbs. along with a few sea bass. The bay side of the Point, near the fish traps there is very good flounder fishing. These are 1 lb. to 1½ lbs. with some of 2 lbs. At their Southold Station, the porgies are in greater quantity but not as large as at Orient. Best spots are buoys 16 and 17. On Wednesday and Saturday very good catches of weaks were had. Wednesdays fishing was drifting from buoy 17 to 16 while Saturday it was at Louie's Beach.

NEW SUFFOLK

Capt. Marty's Fishing Station reports plenty of porgies at Nassau Point and Rose Grove. Porgies are taken with clams or worms and the occasional weaks are being taken on squid. The best rig to use for these fish is a hi-lo rig and Capt. Marty's own Peconic Bay hi-lo rig is the one to try.

JAMESPORT

QZillions of porgies of all sizes are in the bay according to **Jamesport Bait & Tackle**. On Saturday and Sunday up to 30 weak fish per boat was taken outside of the Jamesport Marina. These are 2 to 4 lbs. fish and were hitting sandworms. Frank says, if you want to try your luck for blues go to the Mattituck Inlet and cast white plugs. Striped bass are taking big Stan Gibbs whiting or mackeral lures or all white Goo-Goo's at Plum Gut or the Race.

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Keillor of Wading River using a yellow Gibbs plug took a 36½ and a 10½ lb. striped bass at Wading River. Both of these were taken on 14 lb. line and he lost two others. Blackfishing is picking up and it is best with fiddlers and green crabs. Snappers are of nice size and make good eating. There is also good porgy fishing.

MT. SINAI HARBOR

Plenty of porgies of various sizes says **Ralph's Fishing Station**. Lots of snappers are in the harbor. Bluefish are being trolled and come and go. If you can get past the snappers, there are fluke to be had.

PORT JEFFERSON

The Betty W reports blackfishing stronger and stronger every day and should be in really solid within the next ten days. This past week, a lot of six to eight pound blackfish came up along with good mixed catches of porgies.

Caraftis Fishing Station reports porgies are all over. The small ones are in the harbor and the bigger ones are off Oldfield. Good sized snappers of 8 to 10 inches are in most of the harbor. On Sunday and Monday blues were jigged at buoy 11 and may go soon. Blackfishing is on the increase.

Joseph DiPaloo of Astoria took this 7 ½ lb. fluke while fishing front of Port of Egypt Marine.

NORTHPORT

Greenlawn Sport Shop reports blues surfaced in Cold Spring and Huntington harbors, on Saturday and Sunday morning. These were 12 to 14 lb. fish. Some weaks were taken on live snappers at Duck Island.

HUNTINGTON

Captain Don of the **Eveready Fleet** reports very good catches of porgies, fluke and blues continuing right along.

On Sunday morning blues were jigged in Cold Spring Harbor according to **Four Winds Tackle**. On Monday they were jigged off buoy 13. Some have also been taken on umbrella rigs and wire line between buoys 11B and 13. Blackfish at 11B are taking green crabs and some go 5 and 6 lbs. Buoy 13 still has blacks and they will take either fiddlers or greens. Striped bass fishing slowed down but some clam chummers took a few fish in the rips at Eaton's Neck during the week.

Ronnie's Bait & Tackle reports some striped bass taken off Callahans on an incoming tide. This fishing has fallen off from previous weeks. Bluefish have been chopping bunker in Huntington and Lloyds Harbor but the action did not last very long.

Ronnie's Bait and Tackle just called to tell us that on Monday morning from between 6 and 11 A.M. Frank Diana and Pam Goerlich of Hungtington knocked the socks off 20 big choppers from 10 to 14 pounds on diamond jigs and poppers just south of 11B.

GLEN COVE

Glen Cove Sport Shop reports small blues of 3 to 5 lbs. were taken this past week. This action is not dependable and most people have gone snapper fishing. Good porgy fishing at Glen Cove creek and some catches of weaks have been made at Morgan's Breakwater. Try hitting Morgans at low tide and use tins.some blacks are being taken at rocky areas and are hitting most baits.

PORT WASHINGTON

Still a lot of porgies around according to **Moreland's Bait & Tackle.** Blackfishing is on the increase and they seem to prefer muddy areas. Bucktail trolling for striped bass at rocky areas such as Hart's Island seems to be on the increase. They are loads of snappers to be had.

CITY ISLAND

John's Gun & Tackle in the Bronx says there are plenty of porgies and some lafayettes. Bluefishing has been spotty but striped bass have started to hit. On Sunday, Vincent Assogna and son Vinnie, Jr. each took a striped bass on chunk mackerel. They fished from their boat Jacquelline off of New Rochelle. The fall run for striped bass seems to have started.

Jerry Baimel of Dix Hills with his 7 lb. 4 oz. fluke caught off Callahans Beach with spearing and squid combo. Subscriber Club Photo.

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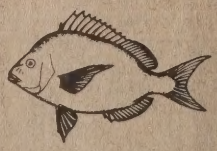

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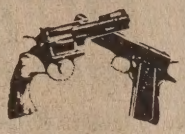

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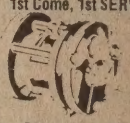

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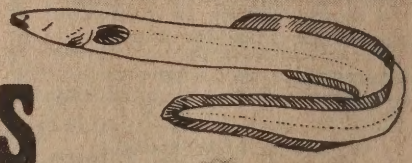

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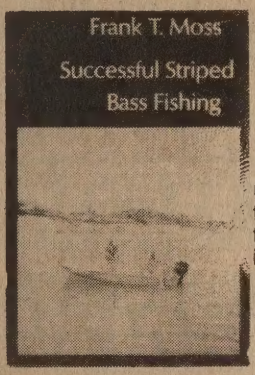

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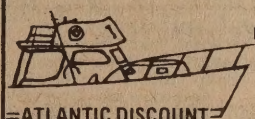

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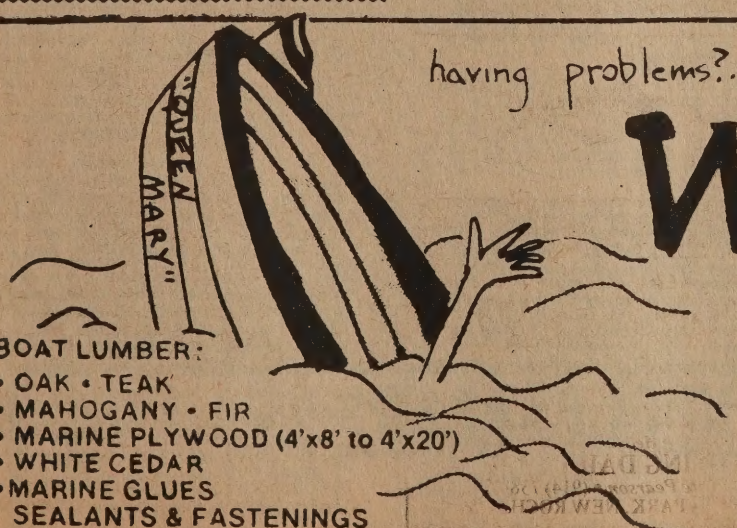

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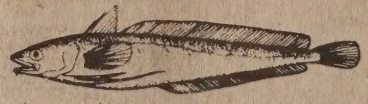

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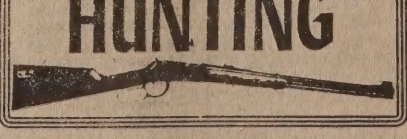

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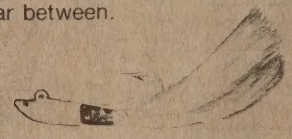
Shoals, Cartwright Grounds, Frisbees, Cerebus Shoals, Great Eastern Rock, Pollack Rip, etc. The Block Island waters around the Southeast Light have been particularly productive this year for big slammers or 12 to 20 pounds.

Once you have arrived at a likely bottom formation, the next step is to locate a school of fish. Sometimes birds will be working over surface feeding fish, but the lack of working birds by no means is an indication that bluefish are not in the area. Usually the bluefish will be in the bottom half of the waters depth, often hugging the bottom and only occasionally driving the baitfish to the surface. This is where vertical trolling has a distinct advantage over trolling with wire line. When the blues are close to the bottom (which is most of the time) the wire liners just can't get their lures down to the level of the feeding fish. The fish will also often be closely packed together over the formation. When this happens, the trollers have to make "passes" at the fish, spending much of the time maneuvering the boat into posotion. But an angler in a small boat armed with a decent recorder can stay right on top of the school, wasting little time. And if the fish are hanging on a slope or just not moving around very much, the vertical troller can even anchor-up over the school and murder 'em.

As a rule of thumb, vertical squidding is usually only effective in water at least 40 feet or more in depth for some reason. And don't get me wrong—just as with any other fishing technique, there ARE times that you can be over a school of fish and be unsuccessful with vertical jigging while other boats trolling wire or chumming right next to you will be bailing fish...but these moments are few and far between.



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HIGH TIDE TABLES

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	Breakwater Harbor AM	Breakwater Harbor PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGE-PORT AM	BRIDGE-PORT PM	NEW-PORT AM	NEW-PORT PM	DATE
THUR.	1:21	1:40	2:15	2:47	1:55	2:19	3:23	3:42	4:36	4:58	5:14	5:35	1:35	2:04	9/16
FRI.	2:17	2:37	3:15	3:49	2:50	3:17	4:25	4:41	5:30	5:54	6:11	6:34	2:36	3:04	9/17
SAT.	3:20	3:40	4:20	4:49	3:57	4:23	5:23	5:37	6:33	6:58	7:12	7:35	3:36	4:02	9/18
SUN.	4:27	4:46	5:20	5:45	5:04	5:28	6:14	6:29	7:37	8:02	8:09	8:30	4:33	4:55	9/19
MON.	5:27	5:46	6:14	6:37	6:05	6:24	7:01	7:18	8:44	9:05	9:00	9:21	5:23	5:47	9/20
TUE.	6:23	6:39	7:03	7:25	6:58	7:16	7:47	8:08	9:37	10:01	9:50	10:10	6:14	6:36	9/21
WED.	7:10	7:27	7:49	8:11	7:43	8:02	8:33	8:56	10:27	10:51	10:35	10:58	7:01	7:23	9/22
THUR.	7:56	8:14	8:35	8:57	8:28	8:47	9:19	9:44	11:12	11:40	11:21	11:44	7:47	8:10	9/23

HOW TO USE TIDE TABLES:

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet.....—0 50" is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." —0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide , add 6 ½ hours to this figure.

On SANDY HOOK

STATEN ISLAND	+ 0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	— 0 01
Red Bank, Navesink R.I.	+ 0 48
Long Branch	— 0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	— 0 18
Shark River Basin	+ 0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	— 0 12
Seaside Park	— 0 33
Mantoloking Bridge	+ 5 34
TOMS RIVER	+ 4 37
Waretown	+ 2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	— 0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+ 2 33
Beach Haven	+ 1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	— 0 01
Seven Islands	+ 0 12
Graveling Point	+ 1 05
Mullica River	+ 1 55
Grassy Bay	+ 1 08
ABSECON INLET	+ 0 14
Atlantic City Pier	— 0 26
Gt. Egg Harbor Inlet	+ 0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+ 0 46
CORSON INLET	+ 0 09
TOWNESEND INLET	+ 0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+ 0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+ 0 45
Cape May Harbor	— 0 02
Rehoboth Beach	— 0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+ 0 14
SHINNECOCK INLET	— 0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+ 1 25
East Quogue	+ 2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+ 1 18
Indian Reservation	+ 3 05
MORICHES INLET	— 0 56
Smith's Point	+ 3 28
Harts Cove	+ 1 30
Potunck Point	+ 3 35
Mastic Beach	+ 3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	— 0 38
Democrat Point	— 0 38
Coast Guard Station	— 0 19
Fire Island Light	+ 0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+ 3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+ 3 20
Bay Shore	+ 2 23
Babylon	+ 2 12
Amityville	+ 2 21
JONES INLET	— 0 19
Zachs Bay	+ 1 25
Seaford Harbor	+ 2 05
Freeport Creek	+ 0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	— 0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+ 0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	— 0 00
Beach Ch. Bridge	+ 0 38
JFK Airport	+ 0 26

On BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+ 0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+ 0 08
Bayville Bridge	+ 0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+ 0 03
Northport Bay	+ 0 03
Norwalk Islands	+ 0 10
Smithtown Bay	— 0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+ 0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+ 0 03
New Haven Harbor	+ 0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	— 0 08
Herod Point	— 0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+ 0 19
Horton Point	— 0 20
Truman Beach	— 0 42
Falkner Island	— 0 13
Sachem Head	— 0 10
Branford Harbor	— 0 07
New Haven Harbor	— 0 08
Milford Harbor	— 0 07
Stratford	+ 0 27
Shelton	+ 1 36
Black Rock Harbor	— 0 03
Saugatuck River	— 0 01
South Norwalk	+ 0 10
Greens Ledge	— 0 01
Stamford	+ 0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+ 0 06
Greenwich	+ 0 02

On NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+ 0 27
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+ 0 12
Greenport	+ 1 04
Southold	+ 1 43
New Suffolk	+ 2 26
South Jamesport	+ 2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+ 2 33
Noyack Bay	+ 2 05
Sag Harbor	+ 0 59
Gardiners Bay	+ 0 21
Promised Land	— 0 14
Montauk Inlet	— 0 25
Montauk Point	— 1 13
Niantic	+ 1 20
Stonington	— 0 33
Noank, Mystic River	— 0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove	— 0 01
Norwich	+ 0 09
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook jetty	+ 1 10
Lyme	+ 1 24
Essex	+ 1 38
East Haddam	+ 2 41
Higganum Creek	+ 2 54

On WILLETS PT.

Little Neck Bay	— 0 10
Execution Light	— 0 06
Manhasset Bay	— 0 01
Hempstead Harbor	— 0 11
City Island	— 0 03
Rye Beach	— 0 28
Port Chester	— 0 09
Mamaroneck	— 0 08
New Rochelle	— 0 24
Davids Island	— 0 02

On B'WATER HB.

CAPE MAY POINT	— 0 10
Miami Beach	+ 1 17
East Point	+ 0 53
Egg Island Point	+ 0 33
Cape Henlopen	— 0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+ 0 09
Mispillion River Ent.	+ 0 33
St. Jones River Ent.	+ 0 57

On NEW YORK

Jersey City	+ 0 07
Geo. Washington Br.	+ 0 46
Spuyten Duyvil	+ 0 58
Ossining	+ 1 53
Peekskill	+ 2 24
West Point	+ 3 16
Newburg	+ 3 42

On NEWPORT

Sakonnet	— 0 10
Tiverton	+ 0 21
Beavertail Point	— 0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Pt.	+ 0 10
Bristol	+ 0 10
Warren	+ 0 21
Nayatt Point	+ 0 12
Pawtucket	+ 0 21
East Greenwich	+ 0 16
Wickford	+ 0 12
Narragansett Pier	— 0 08
Point Judith Harbor	— 0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+ 0 05
Old Harbor	— 0 14
Watch Hill Point	+ 0 44

SUNRISE/SUNSET

9/7	6:31	7:24
9/12	6:37	7:15
9/17	6:42	7:06
9/22	6:47	6:57
9/27	6:52	6:49

PHASES OF THE MOON

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	2nd Qtr.
9/23	9/1	9/8	9/16

The schedule of solunar periods for the following week as printed below has been taken from the original Knight Solunar Tables. Plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during these times when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for an hour-and-a-half or two hours thereafter, and are in the bold type face. The minor periods are shorter in duration and lighter type.

	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
THURS.	11:15	**5:25**	11:35	**5:50**
FRI.	—	**6:15**	12:05	**6:40**
SAT.	12:25	**7:00**	12:55	**7:20**
SUN.	1:10	**7:45**	1:40	**8:10**
MON.	1:55	**8:35**	2:25	**9:00**
TUES.	2:45	**9:20**	3:15	**9:45**
WED.	3:30	**10:10**	4:00	**10:35**
THURS.	4:20	**11:00**	4:50	**11:25**

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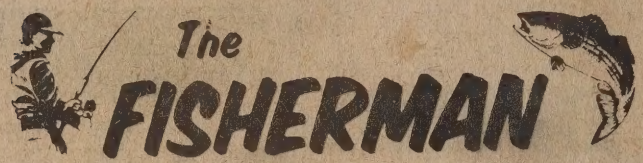

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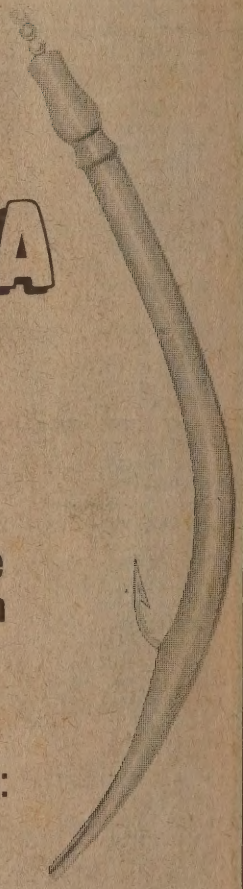

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